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Saint Mary's Voices of Justice

by Kay Kenney, *Courier* editor

Justice: We respect all persons because of their God-given dignity. We act as responsible stewards of resources both on and beyond the campus. We advocate social action and practice principles of justice and compassion.

Justice is one of the four core values of Saint Mary's College. Saint Mary's working definition, as it appears above, explains our actions towards each other, the environment we nurture, and how justice is founded upon the essential quality of compassion.

But justice can't be realized without a strong voice to speak up for fairness and respect. At Saint Mary's, the students and alumnae give justice a voice, whether through intelligent debate, respectfully speaking out, or by simply speaking to the point.

Ideas of justice are layered throughout the entire Saint Mary's curriculum and community. For example, the Justice Education Program is an interdisciplinary program that often brings together experts from Saint Mary's, the University of Notre Dame, and leaders in South Bend to discuss topical issues. Multicultural Services and Student Programs creates opportunities for a more inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff. Campus Ministry often collaborates with other Saint Mary's programs to challenge us to look deep beyond the surface.

In this issue, the *Courier* features three stories that demonstrate Catholic social thought as practiced on campus. Joan Chen '11 works with the Sisters at the Queen of Peace floor, the home of those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Yes, stewardship refers to our care of the earth's resources, but also implies the environments we create among ourselves. With that in mind, the *Courier* introduces The President's Council on Multicultural Affairs, which had its first seeds planted within President Carol Ann Mooney's Strategic Plan. The article "Church in the City" describes a 48-hour immersion experience developed by the Justice Education Program and Campus Ministry and looks at reaching out to the poor and disenfranchised.

Also, in "Five for Justice," five alumnae speak up to give definition to their sense of justice and how their ideas about justice evolved since they graduated from Saint Mary's College. Their work for justice proves that Saint Mary's commitment to justice is alive and well beyond our campus.

The ABCs

OF CATHOLIC THOUGHT

Thomas Aquinas scholar, Religion Professor, and Associate Dean Joseph Incandela occasionally gives a popular lecture in which he condenses the seven key principles of Catholic social thought into three overarching principles. *Courier* asked Professor Incandela to explain his ABCs of Social Justice, which expand to include the entire schemata of justice. In the following stories you will see that this rich, inclusive heritage of justice is lived out every day through Saint Mary's students, faculty, and staff.

Human Dignity

Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

Stewardship of God's Creation

We have a responsibility to care for these goods as stewards and trustees, not as mere consumers and users. How we treat the environment is a measure of our stewardship, a sign of our respect for the Creator.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The option for the poor is an essential part of society's effort to achieve the common good. A healthy community can be achieved only if its members give special attention to those with special needs, to those who are poor and on the margins of society.

Joseph Incandela in Spes Unica



Human Dignity

**JOAN CHEN '11: JUSTICE
AND GERONTOLOGY**

by Shannon E. Brewer '03

Joan Chen '11 graduates this spring with social work and philosophy majors and a gerontology minor. Her professors are quick to mention her as a future alumna who will most certainly revolutionize care for the elderly. Chen entered Saint Mary's College knowing that she wanted to find better ways to care for the elderly, particularly those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease.

Three days a week, Chen does an internship at Queen of Peace, a memory care convent in Notre Dame, Ind., for Sisters who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. The area is homey with private bedrooms, a kitchen and dining room, a living room, and other areas for activities and leisure. Ten Sisters reside there. Kathy Decker-Burrous, director of resident services for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, said Chen immediately became a resource for the staff when she started her internship there last fall.

Saint Mary's College

ADDS INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM in Gerontology

by Kay Kenney

“Joan hit the ground running,” said Decker-Burrous. “She is very quick to apply the theories she learns in class. She’ll tell me things like ‘Oh, that has to do with continuity theory’ and then comes up with an idea.”

“The Sisters are still interested in serving others. It’s been their life and mission for so many years, and we must honor their need to serve.”

The Queen of Peace Convent has been a “green house community” since 1999, a model of care in which the Sisters are placed at the center of care to provide them a high quality of life. Chen fully embraces the green community and brings fresh insights from her classes in social work and gerontology to the convent.

“In a green community, there is no predetermined routine to facilitate their independence or their ability to pursue individual interests,” said Chen. “It’s a good way to help older adults keep their independence and dignity while they continue to live in a homelike setting. They are able to receive



The courtyard at the Queen of Peace Convent

medical care, not as a ‘patient’ but as a person,” Chen said. “The green house philosophy is not about viewing a person as a set of diseases to be treated and monitored. The individuals come first in all aspects of their life, and I find this is an effective way to care for and respect older adults.”

“Joan gives the Sisters exactly what they need—she is always ‘in the moment’ when she talks with them or works alongside them. And that’s exactly what the elderly crave. Her compassion and understanding make her mature beyond her years,” said Decker-Burrous.

Chen’s deep love and respect for her grandfather may explain her interest in gerontology. She also was dedicated to community service in her hometown of Austin, Texas, where she participated

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JoAnn Burke

Aging “baby boomers” as a group will not go quietly into that good night, or anywhere else, for that matter. Born between the post-war period of 1946 and 1964, “boomers,” who make up a quarter of the U.S. population, will have the numbers and the momentum to change the definition of gerontology as they edge toward the age of 65. According to JoAnn Burke, associate professor, Department of Social Work, and director of the gerontology program, today’s students from every discipline can utilize the understanding of aging for their major as a good career strategy or as a primer for those who want to know what to expect from a group that will number close to 60 million in 2020.

In fall 2010, Burke specifically had the boomers in mind when she introduced the College’s first Interdisciplinary Program in Gerontology. “Being able to introduce this program has been a dream for me,” said Burke. “I wasn’t sure that students would be interested in the subjects of aging and gerontology, but they were.”

Last fall 27 students—with a waiting list of others—took the class. This spring, 28 students, with a waiting list, are enrolled in the class. Every major Saint Mary’s College offers was represented in her class. Students were ready to learn more about the multitude of opportunities and challenges geriatric boomers will present to families, caregivers, and society at large.

Burke has spent most of her professional life working with older adults and their families in both clinical settings and rural communities. First as a registered nurse, then as a clinical social worker, Burke has worked in home health care, hospitals, and nursing homes. She had a private practice in Philadelphia for 12 years where she specialized in working with older adults and their families.

Burke currently serves as chair of the Board of Directors for REAL Services, Inc., which is the agency on aging for five counties in northern Indiana. She also has served as chair of the Indiana CHOICE board, which oversees the administration of state-funded home care services for this program.



Joan Chen at the Queen of Peace Convent

South Bend. “The Sisters are still interested in serving others. It’s been their life and mission for so many years, and we must honor their need to serve.”

Also, Chen leads a book discussion group at the convent that includes six Sisters from other convents of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Ind. Conducted in a downstairs conference room, Chen said hearing the Sisters discuss ideas in the book *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully* has enriched her understanding of age. “Their insights on aging and life—I’m always amazed by them,” said Chen. “They don’t want to ‘retire.’ They want to continue a full life, which to them means being of service to others.”

In her work, Chen has found that creative problem solving is key. “Oftentimes, things do not go the way we think they should. But, with creativity we can make things work,” she said. For example, Chen helped to design movement-related activities such as scarf dancing and other activities involving music and dance. The movement is not only fun for the Sisters, it introduces a great amount of joy and exercise into their lives.

“A sense of humor offsets the depressing and stressful situations social workers may encounter and can uplift a client’s spirit in times of adversity. I think being able to make someone laugh is one of the most important things in life,” said Chen.

“Saint Mary’s has given me the special opportunity to actually do things to make a positive difference in the world,” explained Chen, who will be attending the the University of Texas Social Work Program in fall 2011. “I think it is easy for people to talk about making a positive a difference in the world. But what is special about Saint Mary’s is that in addition to these things, the faculty and staff are extremely dedicated in guiding us so that we can be effective participants in our world.”

in community service projects sponsored by her church. She helped paint homes for the elderly and spent time with them, talking and playing games. She participated in efforts to feed the homeless and raise money for developing countries. A pianist, Chen frequently performed at nursing homes.

“Oftentimes, things do not go the way we think they should. But, with creativity we can make things work.”

Ultimately, her passion for creating a high quality of life for the elderly and those with Alzheimer’s disease stems from a great respect for her elders and an understanding of their need to be well taken care of, while supporting them to maintain some level of independence.

At Queen of Peace, Chen assists the activity department in designing activities that honor the fact that the Sisters have given their lives to service for others. For example, Chen developed a project for the Sisters to fill lunch bags for the needy in

Joan Chen will be working with a population that will number more than 60 million by 2020. By 2030, it’s predicted that 1 in 4 people in the U.S. will be 65 years or older as the “baby boom” generation ages.

From a report distributed by the Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON *Multicultural Affairs*

Stewardship by Way of Creating and Nurturing an
Environment of Multicultural Inclusion at Saint Mary's College

by Ann Jacobson

Environments can be defined by ecological, social, and familial resources. Saint Mary's College demonstrates the core value of stewardship in these many ways, but perhaps most importantly by promoting an environment of multiculturalism within the College curriculum and the College community. In 2007, President Carol Ann Mooney created the President's Council on Multicultural Affairs (PCMA) to achieve the related goals laid out within the College's strategic plan.

The PCMA's goals include educating students for a global community and continuing the College's efforts to diversify the campus. "Without a more diverse student body, many of the most academically talented young women will avoid Saint Mary's College because they realize the lack of diversity will adversely impact their educational experience," wrote President Mooney in her strategic plan.



Sister Mary L. Gude, CSC

The PCMA, comprised of students, faculty, and staff representatives, reports directly to President Mooney. PCMA's responsibilities include monitoring the diversification of the student body, faculty, and staff; overseeing the ongoing education and development of the entire College community in the area of multicultural diversity; and suggesting recommendations in conjunction with other departments, such as Human Resources, on how to improve multiculturalism on campus. The PCMA has had two chairs. Patricia Fleming, senior vice president and dean of faculty, chaired the PCMA for two years. Sister Mary Louise Gude, CSC, vice president for mission, is the present chair. Sister M.L. has a long history of working for tolerance and multiculturalism in several administrative positions during her 23 years at the University of Notre Dame.

STUDENT INITIATIVES



Mana Derakhshani

Since its inception, PCMA has established several initiatives. For example, PCMA developed an anti-Discriminatory Harassment Policy for students that has been approved by President Mooney and shared with all campus constituencies. The next step is to educate students to fill out an online form for reporting any incidents of harassment involving racial and

ethnic identity—actual or perceived. "This 'institutionalizes' the complaint," said Mana Derakhshani, professor of French and associate director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. "Now, instead of the complaint becoming fodder for gossip or innuendo, the student knows that Saint Mary's will address the formal complaint right away."

Under the sponsorship of campus staff and faculty, students have developed, proposed to the PCMA, and gotten approval to form a variety of solidarity activities that mentor and act as allies to underrepresented students. Recently, a group of 30 students researched, attended seminars, and formulated a student-led anti-bias coalition to promote multiculturalism.

FACULTY AND STAFF TRAINING

PCMA also began several initiatives to promote racial and ethnic sensitivity among Saint Mary's faculty and staff. Among the plans put forward by PCMA for the President's approval is a two-day conference for faculty on inclusive pedagogy and ways to integrate intercultural competence and global learning into the curriculum.



Leslie Wang

Every semester, Saint Mary's also holds small sessions for faculty and staff to discuss some of the barriers that prevent people from moving beyond dialogue to action. Faculty and staff discuss the deterrents to honest dialogue regarding race and ethnicity. The settings are informal, with participants discussing their experiences with teaching or working in a multicultural environment, why students of color would find an environment exclusive, some of the stumbling blocks that prevent honest communication, and how bridges can be built.

"It's in the interest of Saint Mary's College to recruit and accommodate students, faculty, staff, and administrators from all racial and ethnic backgrounds," said Leslie Wang, associate professor of sociology and PCMA member. "We believe that our campus culture and community will be greatly enriched by including members representing various racial and ethnic groups. We need to recognize and embrace the life experiences that members from various cultures bring to our educational institution."



Church *in the city*

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

by Shannon E. Brewer '03

When Angela Hollar '11 first stepped into the home of an immigrant Mexican family on the west side of South Bend one evening last November, she was struck by how sparse and small the two-bedroom home was. But the family, a thirty-something couple with eight children, ages one to 17, extended their hospitality and made Hollar feel welcome from the time she came through the door. "It was clear that they were proud of each possession that they had acquired, and they simply saw their ability to be together in the United States as a supreme blessing from God," she said.

Hollar, a social work major with a religious studies minor, was there as a participant in the College's new Church in the City program, a one-credit, 48-hour immersion experience for students developed by the Justice Education Program and Campus Ministry in partnership with La Casa de Amistad, a community organization on the west side of South Bend. The Justice Education program and the Campus Ministry Lay Ministry Certificate Program were awarded a Faculty Development Grant from the State of Indiana to support the development of the course. Jan Pilarski, director of Saint Mary's Justice Education program, and Judy Fean, director of Campus Ministry, coordinated and ran the program, which took place November 5-7, 2010.

Fourteen students signed up for Church in the City. After several preparatory sessions, including talks on the theology of migration by Rev. Daniel Groody, CSC, director of the Center for Latino



Saint Adalbert's Church on South Bend's west side.



Spirituality and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, they embarked on home stays with six Latino families who are members of Saint Adalbert's Parish in South Bend, Indiana.

A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF CATHOLIC TEACHING

The program is a concrete application of the College's commitment to show a "preferential option for the poor." A basic principle of Catholic social teaching, the care of the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in society, including the elderly, unborn children, the terminally ill, immigrants, and all victims of injustice and oppression.

Church in the City students were there to learn and build relationships in the community. "We designed the program to help students develop a full understanding of issues like immigration and how people of faith are called to respond. We wanted to give them that direct experience with immigrants," explained Pilarski.

According to Fean, developing the course with the Justice Education program was a natural partnership for those students involved in the Lay Ministry Certificate program, as well as other students involved in ministry on campus. "Many of the students involved in ministry on campus are not necessarily exposed to a diverse population or challenged by the social issues that face the Church today," said Fean.

WEEKEND WHIRLWIND

The weekend began with a Mexican dinner on Friday evening, and then students went home with their host families. They reconvened Saturday morning, after a traditional Mexican breakfast at Saint Adalbert's Parish. The parish staff provided them with a historical perspective on Latino immigration to South Bend, and then took them on a walking tour of the surrounding neighborhood.

Students lunched at a local Mexican restaurant, then met with the director of El Campito, a neighborhood day care. They viewed the colorful classrooms and learned about the needs of immigrant children and the nurturing environment the staff works so hard to create for them. El Campito is one of the area's oldest non profit family care centers. Their programs—a child development center, after school care, summer camps, and the Parents As Teachers program—emphasize early childhood development. The staff works to celebrate the varied cultures of their community.

Students then met with Saint Adalbert parishioners, as well as members of the TAP—Transforming Action Through Power—initiative, an organization consisting of local member congregations that works to train ordinary citizens to influence decisions affecting their lives. One of its focuses is immigration reform. TAP works with local leaders to develop community-based strategies for overcoming obstacles such as lack of educational opportunities for immigrants, poverty, inadequate health care, violence, and limited civic engagement.

HOLLAR'S PRESENCE WITH THE FAMILY

On Saturday evening, students returned to their host families. They spent time getting to know one another, sharing family photos and artifacts of their various faiths and cultures.

Hollar found herself privy to some very personal moments among the members of her host family. As the father of the family told the story of his recent deportation, and then of reuniting with his family months later, both he and his wife began to cry. Two of their daughters, ages 13 and 10, watched them with sad expressions.

"[The father] turned to the younger daughter, who is quite shy and, in Spanish, asked her how she felt when her father was deported. She looked down and was silent for a few seconds," said Hollar. "Between tears, the daughter replied, 'angry, sad, worried.' The father began to cry again and said, 'This is the first time we have asked the children how they felt about it.'"

Hollar stayed up until 2:00 a.m. listening to the family's story of immigration from Mexico and of the difficulties they continue to face in providing for their children. They work constantly against the obstacle of poverty.



PUBLIC POLICY THROUGH THE FACES OF MIGRANTS

Solidarity with the marginalized is an idea Church in the City participant and religious studies major Carol Anne Conaghan ’11 examines in her reflection paper. Each student was required to write a reflection after completing the immersion course. Conaghan, who also worked toward her Certificate in Lay Ministry, recalls how she directly experienced Father Dan Groody’s presentation on the theology of migration during her stay with her host family. “The most insightful part of [Father Dan Groody’s] theology of migration [presentation] calls people to see the face of Jesus Christ in each immigrant and to stand in solidarity with our fellow human beings. These beliefs were reinforced during the immersion because [the families] were no longer strangers but friends,” she wrote.

Both Conaghan and Hollar say social policy will be an important vehicle for improving life for immigrants in the U.S. Conaghan cites a potential solution for a problem about which she is particularly passionate: education.

“Anyone who desires to learn must be afforded the chance to go to college as well as having choices of which school they want to attend,” Conaghan wrote in her reflection paper. “I feel such passion about this issue because it involves not only immigration, but also education.”

Hollar’s Church in the City experience confirmed her plans for a career in public policy. “After I disclosed that I hope to obtain a degree in social policy, the [host family] couple, with tears in their eyes, asked me to promise not to forget them,” she said. Hollar is already making good on that promise. After

The Saint Mary’s community joins the Saint Adalbert’s parishioners.

the immersion, she applied for a Dooley Grant from the Justice Education department, which provides funding to students who develop justice programs that link the campus and the wider community. Hollar received the grant, and the money was used to host an on-campus gathering for all of the Church in the City participants and their host families.

Next year, Hollar will enter a master’s in social work (MSW) program at either the University of Pennsylvania or the University of Michigan. She’s still deciding, but knows what the focus of her studies will be—social policy analysis and research, with a concentration on immigration reform.

Fean notes how deeply students were affected by the experience. Her goal for the program was to challenge students interested in ministry to see the face of Christ in the poor, to embrace diversity with humility—to be open to hear the stories of the people—which are often the voices of the people seldom heard, and to learn more about the Church’s response. Building relationships between the College community and the Latino community in South Bend helped students understand the social needs of the people. And understanding is the first step on the path to solidarity and social change.

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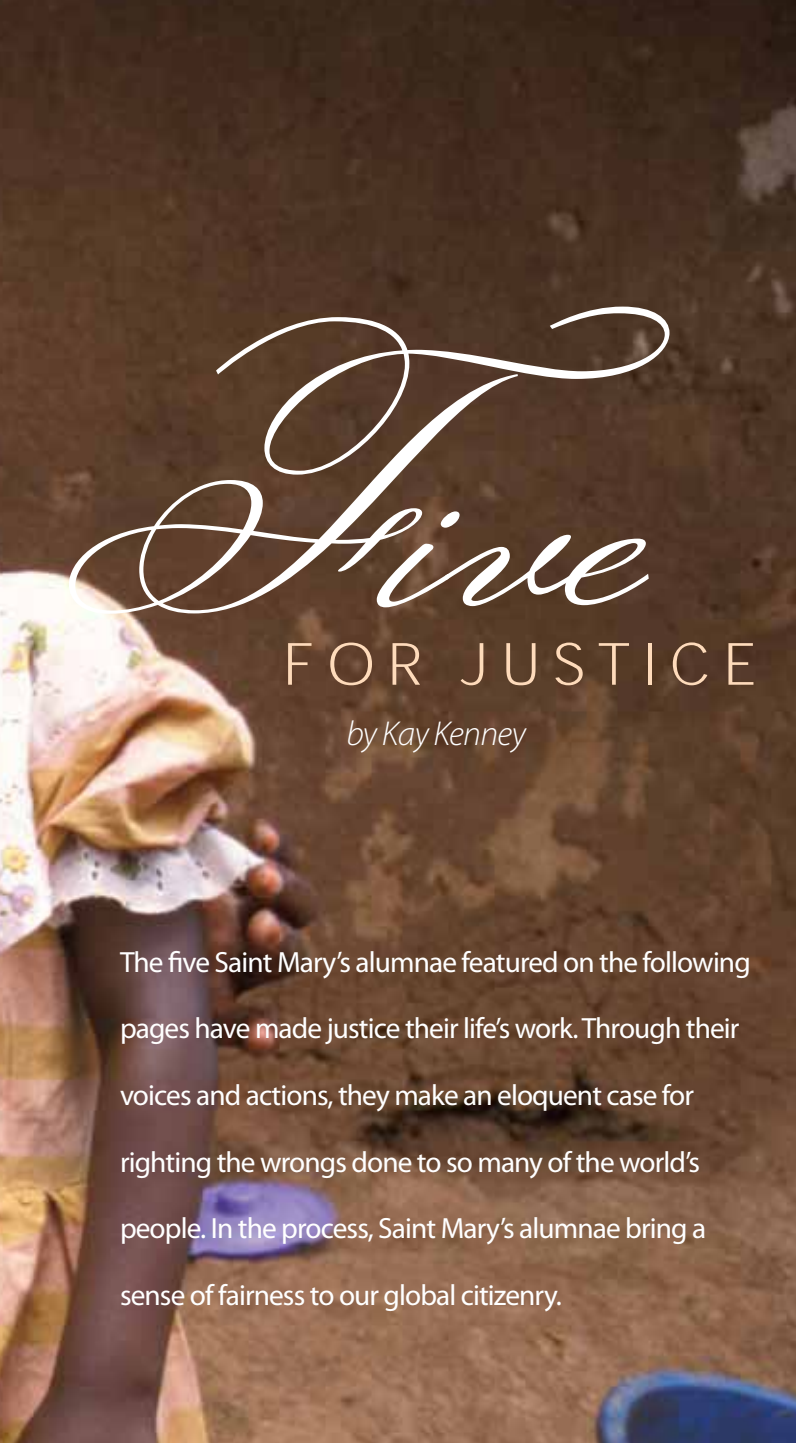
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Christine Bodewes with parishioners
in the Kibera settlement, Kenya.

Photo courtesy of Maryknoll Fathers.



Five FOR JUSTICE

by Kay Kenney

The five Saint Mary's alumnae featured on the following pages have made justice their life's work. Through their voices and actions, they make an eloquent case for righting the wrongs done to so many of the world's people. In the process, Saint Mary's alumnae bring a sense of fairness to our global citizenry.

Christine Bodewes '87 JUSTICE FULLY REALIZED AS LOVE

Today, Christine Bodewes '87 holds a PhD in African Christianity from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies. As Dr. Bodewes, she works with a Catholic non-government organization that assists church organizations located in Africa to provide the poor with education, health care, faith formation, economic development, and peace building skills.

But it was the electrifying events a decade earlier that led Bodewes to leave her law career and emboldened her to accept a challenge that would see more disappointments than successes.

A VISIT TO CAMBODIA

In 1996, Bodewes visited friend and alumna Patty Curran '87, a Maryknoll lay missionary and director in Phom Phen, Cambodia. When Bodewes arrived, she found her friend and herself at the tail end of another Cambodian government upheaval. "It was a life altering, soul searing experience for me," said Bodewes of the frightening events.

As if on cue and in response to years of war and genocide, missionaries, United Nations operatives, and the last of the Kmer Rouge army fled the country. Traveling from the airport, Bodewes witnessed abandoned United Nations vehicles littering the roadside. Only the Catholic and Quaker missionaries chose to remain in the country.

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"I've come to think of justice as an act of love. You can have all the expertise in the world, but if you can't translate that expertise into an act of love, then justice is not served. I pray every day that my actions are based on love and respect for those I serve."
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In the midst of the chaos, a seed of curiosity was planted in Bodewes' imagination. Curran discussed how a Maryknoll missionary could accomplish tremendous good for others, despite the current political drama. Their mutual friend, Heidi Cerneka '87, an internationally known human rights advocate for women prisoners in Brazil, provided further inspiration.

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE FOR JUSTICE

In 1997, Bodewes left her position as partner in a securities litigation firm in Chicago to become a Maryknoll lay missionary. Because of her background as an attorney, she was assigned to work full-time as a volunteer with a group of Kenyan poverty lawyers. The group provided free legal advice to members of a parish situated in the slums of Nairobi. At that time, the Kenyan government had practiced land grabbing against the slum dwellers, often using brutal force, setting fire to the slum land, or pitting landlords

against tenants to move people off the land. “We went to the tenants, tried cases, and organized groups to resist eviction,” said Bodewes. Despite the legal advocates’ hard work, the government burned 60% of the slum land in its campaign to displace tenants who lived in the Kibera settlement during Bodewes’ nine years in Africa.

In 2002, Bodewes founded the Office of Human Rights within the Kibera settlement. She was director of the office until 2006. During that time, she and other volunteer advocates taught parishioners about governance, their rights if arrested, children’s rights, land and housing issues, water, sanitation, employment, and workers’ rights. “A lot of the education focused on conflict resolution at the local level,” said Bodewes. “But we also lobbied and advocated for slum dwellers’ rights at national and international levels.”

At the end of her time with the Maryknoll mission, the office was self sufficient and well staffed. Bodewes felt ready to reflect and appraise her nine years of seeking justice for the slum dwellers in Kenya. “I’ve come to think of justice as an act of love,” she explained. “You can have all the expertise in the world, but if you can’t translate that expertise into an act of love, then justice is not served. I pray every day that my actions are based on love and respect for those I serve.”

Kelly Hradsky '05

WORKING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Kelly Hradsky '05 travels in the netherworld of refugees. A refugee officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Hradsky works in Kenya, Ethiopia, Nepal, or Syria on any given day interviewing people who have fled their homes for a chance to live in freedom. They have become refugees because of persecution—or a legitimate fear of persecution—because of their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or their political opinion.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within DHS, may give Hradsky two days’ notice to pack up from her home base in Washington, D.C., and travel to any one of the 16 countries around the world in which the U.S. refugee program processes refugees for immigration. Once Hradsky arrives at her appointed destination, she works on that country’s timetable. On her most recent trip this year, many of the refugees she met in Africa had been in the camps

since 1991. They were only now getting their first opportunity to be considered for immigration.

Since becoming a refugee officer, Hradsky’s notion of justice has grown. “In college you expect things and behaviors to change quickly. In my work now I see it can take a very long time to get justice—generations, really. The people I meet know they will not have justice—many of the perpetrators are in government or other powerful positions. But the refugees do this for their children with the hope that they will find justice.”

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The USCIS is supported in its work by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and a local overseas processing entity (OPE) at each of the refugee camps. By the time Hradsky meets with refugees seeking entrance to the United States, UNHCR and OPE have vetted them in order to identify any criminal background or violence or harm to others that would affect their eligibility for resettlement.

Refugee officers like Hradsky work within a legal context that ensures each immigrant falls within the U.S. definition of a refugee and is not inadmissible for any reason. However, the objective is not to exclude people, but to grant immigrant status to as many qualified refugees as Congress has permitted the program to admit.

“Nearly everyone I talk to has faced very real harm in the past or has a legitimate fear of being harmed in the future if they return to their home country,” said Hradsky. “Most people want to explain this harm to us as officers. However, the more difficult part of interviewing is getting them to explain that they suffered (or will suffer) this harm because of a protected ground—race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. If they tell us they fled their homes simply because they were beaten,



tortured or raped—if they say that it was general violence and that they weren't targeted for one of those reasons, then they do not qualify for resettlement.”

Many of the refugees who have suffered rape or other crimes, also find themselves in danger from family members. “If a woman has been raped, it is often considered a great shame upon the family,” said Hradsky. “Her husband or brother will try to murder her. I often need to ask the husband to step outside so the woman can tell her story.”

AFTER SAINT MARY'S

After graduation from Saint Mary's with a degree in political science, Hradsky attended Chicago's John Marshall Law School and practiced immigration law for about six months in Chicago. Now that she works as a refugee officer, she feels that she has found the right niche for herself and expects to work for DHS for at least three years. Her experiences have made her think long and hard about what justice means for others who come from dire circumstances.

“It's hard to define justice—it can be such a vague notion,” said Hradsky. “But I guess it goes along with people being able to share their story. I think when people finally get to meet a government officer whom they can talk to about their suffering they feel validated. My role is so small, but to them I represent the U.S., and I decide whether they can come to the U.S. They are so grateful that someone will listen to their story.”

Kelly Hradsky, ready to travel to a refugee camp in Africa.

AN INNATE SENSE OF JUSTICE

Hradsky, who has had a fascination for other cultures for as long as she can remember, said her first inkling of injustice took hold in elementary school. “You could see a difference in the way a teacher would treat a certain student who was not as strong academically or who was perceived not to be in the same social class as everyone else,” she said.

“At Saint Mary's, justice is definitely incorporated into most of what you do. I came from a really good public high school. But at Saint Mary's there is an interest and awareness in justice that transformed my life,” said Hradsky. “Saint Mary's has so many student groups filled with students who care about being aware of the world around them.”



Judge Kathleen A. Kearney

Judge Kathleen A. Kearney '78

SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE

The summer between her first and second years of law school at the University of Notre Dame, Kathleen A. Kearney '78 nursed a bleeding ulcer. She hadn't expected the law school's business-oriented classes to frustrate her to the point that she thought she had made a mistake enrolling in law school. Granted, when she applied to law school she didn't know any lawyers and didn't know what lawyers did. But, like so many students, she thought it would be a way to build a career.

Determined to give it another chance, she returned to classes the following fall and found what was missing all along: a sense of justice. When Kearney and a small group of law students set up a legal aid and defender office in the school's basement, Kearney volunteered to be the director. "We represented staff and students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's against, for the most part, landlord disputes," she said. "It was a really wonderful opportunity. The experience made me realize I wanted to work with victims and people who were oppressed, not corporations."

FINDING PURPOSE

The summer following her second year, Kearney took another step that confirmed her interest in the welfare of others. While most law students sought internships at prestigious New York and Chicago law firms, she volunteered as a caregiver at a convent located in Rochester, NY, which had been set up for the care of seriously abused children. Kearney's working experience there enlightened her to the fact these children were representative of thousands of others throughout the country who the courts had removed from their families, but did nothing to place the children in safe, loving homes. "The experience seared my soul," said Kearney. "Working with children who suffered at the hands of negligent or abusive parents and now found themselves mired in an indifferent court system captured me in no way I'd ever felt. I knew I wanted to help them. It was as if the Holy Spirit said 'I got you here and this is what you are going to do,'" said Kearney.

Kearney also saw that there was no coordination between the social welfare system and the courts. "Childhood is very fleeting. But I saw kids who had been in 15 foster homes and through 18 permanency hearings," she said. "I couldn't understand why so many cases weren't moving forward toward adoption. It was so important for the courts to make a decision at an early proceeding once it was determined that the child could not return to an abusive home."

In 1980, Congress passed the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act during Kearney's third year in law school. The act moved to better promote the welfare of children who had been removed from abusive homes. If the child could not be returned to the family, another course of action was to be determined: adoption, long-term foster care, or some other resolution to benefit the child.

The act also established that all states subsidize federal funding for the Adoption Assistance Program and for special needs adoptions. "There was now a law, but that meant the need was even greater for more attorneys to better represent and understand what these kids had suffered," said Kearney. "The essence of the law demanded strong advocates who understood the child's underlying psycho-social foundation."

A CAREER BUILT ON JUSTICE

After graduation, Kearney returned to her home state of Florida and accepted the job of assistant state's attorney in Fort Lauderdale. "The job offered an education of a lifetime and the most rewarding work ever," she said. From 1981 to 1988, she worked in the sex crimes/child abuse unit where she prosecuted sex abuse, adult rape cases, and child abuse cases.

Other attorneys often teased her because she put so much emphasis on a providing a mental health support system for victims in which they could receive therapy before going to court. "I wanted to prepare and support them so that they would feel strong enough to present the most powerful testimony to get the best judgment for them," Kearney said. Little did she know that the job would place her on a fast track through Florida's child welfare system where her vast knowledge and experience would benefit Florida's most vulnerable population.

In 1988, Kearney was appointed a Broward County court and acting circuit court judge in Fort Lauderdale. For more than 10 years she heard and decided child abuse and neglect cases. She also did work for the Florida Supreme Court. Because of her passion for saving children, she chaired policy initiatives for the court statewide to improve the child welfare laws.

During those 10 years, Kearney was called upon more and more for her legal expertise in child law. At one point Kearney got an urgent call from a member of the U.S. House of Representatives to discuss a bill up for a vote in the Senate. One particular U.S. senator did not understand the serious implications for the bill regarding foster children. She cleared the courtroom, took the phone call and loudly sparred with the senator to make him understand

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the import of the bill’s wording (and, finally, got him to understand). Along the way, other people took notice of her work. During one court session, Jeb Bush, soon to be Florida’s next governor, sat quietly in her courtroom late into the night watching her work the child cases that appeared before her bench.

Bush was so impressed that as governor he would appoint Kearney to the position of Secretary of the Department of Children and Families. When she started as secretary to the agency, it was badly underfunded considering the secretary’s formidable responsibility for oversight and management of the child welfare system, aging and adult services, child care licensing, economic self-sufficiency (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, food stamps, and Medicaid eligibility), refugee services, domestic violence, and mental health and substance abuse services. Kearney led the agency from 1999 to 2002.

Today, Judge Kearney is a clinical professor at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana’s Children and Family Research Center, with the School of Social Work. Her vast wealth of experience—from caregiver, to prosecutor, to judge, to policy maker—allows her to work with groups that may be at odds, though have the same objective to care for the welfare of vulnerable children. She is just as passionate as she was the day she accepted her first job as an assistant state’s attorney. “Yes, every day there was and is some terrible heartache about a child,” said Kearney regarding her long career. “But then I get a letter from a mother who got her act together and now is able to parent her children.”



Kristle Hodges in her school’s reading room.

Kristle Hodges ’10

ENLIGHTENED JUSTICE

When Kristle Hodges ’10 applied for the student trustee position at Saint Mary’s (she served during the 2009-10 school year), she was asked which of Saint Mary’s core values she most cherished. Justice, she said. She places the beginnings of her innate sense of fairness and compassion at the center of her family’s ethos. Her beloved grandmother, Bigmama, would often tell her to treat everybody well. “I knew from a young age that the Golden Rule—to treat everyone the way we want to be treated—is not just my parents’ saying, it’s a universal truth that we should all live by.” The notion of justice is so interwoven with her devotion for her family, that she admits she would feel she failed them if she thought she was unjust toward anyone.

Now a Teach for America Corps (TFA) member, she teaches a reading intervention program for ninth graders called “Read 180” in a Memphis, Tenn., school. “I chose TFA because its fundamental beliefs are the same as mine—to educate students in low income, often diverse, communities. Those students deserve a dedicated teacher, too. Teach for America is an organization that isn’t all about talk. It serves and works and gives not expecting anything except great outcomes from students.”

Hodges has pretty much known she wanted to teach for much of her life. At Saint Mary's she volunteered considerable time mentoring, peer ministering, and teaching Sunday school while also leading a youth Bible study group. She also sparked discussions by asking for more active ways to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on campus and for more resources for the College's Multicultural Services and Student Programs office. By the time she interviewed with Teach for America, teaching was not only a career choice, but her chosen path to work for justice. "I remember the first informal meeting I had with a representative from TFA," she said. "The representative and I both left the hour-long meeting on the brink of tears talking about the injustices toward students around the United States who are not given the proper education simply because there were not enough people who cared enough to teach them with an unwavering passion. I knew that is what I could do."

The element of justice most interesting to Hodges is doing the legwork. "The real job of justice is not to start something, but to finish it," she said. "To combine efforts with others that care about the same issues and have the ability to change them is a beautiful thing." Since graduation, she's kept in close

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contact with two friends, one a Saint Mary's alumna working as a social worker in South Bend, and the other a University of Notre Dame alumna attending Johns Hopkins medical school. Their conversations revolve around how their education is so much more important now that they are seeing first-hand the injustices that they studied while in school.

"The thing is, the injustice is not in the fact that someone is poor, but rather that we do not lend a helping hand," said Hodges. "The injustice is not the fact that there are millions of disproportionately minority, low-income students who do not receive a wonderful education. It is the fact that there are tons of teachers, principals, and others not caring enough to change that. The real injustice is that we are all blessed with talents and abilities, and yet we have not taken the opportunity to use those talents to work toward a better economy, to share our concerns with a more well-rounded group of friends who will challenge us, or to educate others."

Since graduating, Hodges said that she has transferred the same passion that inspired her successful academic life to her life as a teacher. "When I first moved to Memphis, I realized a lot of injustices that were so apparent: homelessness, infant mortality, illiteracy, violence, and an overflow of people with disabilities," said Hodges. "I often note how amazing God is to allow us to learn so much in the four years at Saint Mary's, and then be placed in such environments to work on changing every problem we know is present. We have an opportunity to help the people around us in our various positions, and it feels good. Our success stories are in knowing that we are changing lives and learning more every day."

Mary Griffin Burns '62

STAYING THE COURSE FOR JUSTICE

When Mary Griffin Burns '62 received her diploma from Saint Mary's, John F. Kennedy was in the White House, the Peace Corps had just been launched, and within months Pope John XXIII would convene the Second Vatican Council. Like so many young people of that era, Burns wanted a life that "afforded scope."

Burns decided to enter the Congregation of the Holy Cross as a Sister, based in part on her admiration for the women who educated her at Saint Mary's. But Burns also hoped to better identify with the poor and to be assigned a teaching post in a needy parish school or foreign mission. Religious life was an opportunity to identify with those who had little, and she saw it as a way to show the poor that God stood with them and to help in some way to redress inequality in their lives.

"Early on, I saw injustice as the wide gulf between those who have very little and those who are comfortable," said Burns. "I guess I discovered injustice by osmosis from my mother at an early age. There was never a needy person she couldn't figure out a way to help. I saw her sitting up many nights at her sewing machine making dresses for a child in her special education class at the junior high school where she taught who didn't have clothes for school."

As a young Sister, Burns lived with Holy Cross Sisters and other Sisters teaching in a New York City school in a poor neighborhood. On weekends, the Sisters would visit families living in the neighborhood, listen to their problems, and offer what they could provide. Later, Burns was assigned to a high school in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she was able to introduce her students to the social initiatives of the Second Vatican



Mary Griffin Burns

Council. After her time in Salt Lake City, she returned to Saint Mary's College to teach alongside her mentor and former teacher, Humanistic Studies Professor Bruno Schlesinger.

After nine years as a member of the Congregation and uncertain about a final commitment to religious life, Burns left the Congregation for graduate school at the University of Chicago and eventually decided on a career in law. "I came to realize that I couldn't help someone obtain justice unless I knew how the larger system works," said Burns. "I had to develop the skills to change the system, which was the most difficult part." At the age of 40, married with two young children, she entered Northwestern University Law School.

JUSTICE AND THE LAW

Burns remained true to the path she had chosen as a young Saint Mary's student. Her first job after graduating from law school in 1987 was in the Office of the Public Guardian in Chicago. Juvenile Court judges appoint the Public Guardian's Office to represent the interests and welfare of children who are abused, neglected, or dependant due to the inability of their parents to care for them. During her 17 years at the office, she honed the skill for persuasive argument. "I remember the first time I knew enough of the law and was confident enough in court to argue successfully at trial that my child client not be given into the custody of a parent I knew to be abusive," said Burns. "I thought to myself, 'Knowing the right words to say in the right way really is power.'"

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Susan Buckman-Schulson, assistant public guardian in the Cook County Office of the Public Guardian, worked with Burns and remembers the great passion Burns brought to her work. "She impressed the judges that her arguments were on the side of angels, even in delinquency court. After one of her arguments, the judge sat back, incredulous, and announced to the courtroom, 'For Mrs. Burns, there are no bad boys.'"

But Burns could also be a no-nonsense mother figure for clients who never experienced that kind of parenting. When

Burns had four child clients whose mother wasn't getting them up and dressed for school, Burns drove to the house, stood at the door and shouted to the children, "I'll give you five minutes to get in that car, and I'm starting to count right now. I brought breakfast, and you'll eat on the way!"

In the early '90s, Burns was asked to head up another division of the office, which represents children caught in the battle between divorcing or separating parents when the children's custody is at issue. "Child clients in those cases often come from low-income families that bring many problems with them into the courtroom besides the breakup of the marriage or the relationship," said Burns. "These are all situations where children have very serious problems and have to shoulder many burdens that they cannot carry themselves and losses they cannot sustain without help."

ADVOCATE FOR LEAD-FREE HOUSING

In 2004, Burns accepted a position at Loyola Law School in Chicago as community projects director for Lead Safe House initiatives, a program at Loyola's ChildLaw Center. She also teaches family law courses there. As head of community projects, she helps high risk neighborhoods in Chicago organize to get rid of the lead in their environment and to advocate for laws that are more protective of children.

"Even a small amount of lead dust in a child's body can cause irreversible damage to the child's developing brain," said Burns. "Lead paint buildings affect poor children for the most part. It's simply unjust that they have to live in deteriorating housing that contains peeling lead paint that is poisoning them. The thought of it gets me worked up every day."

Burns believes that attending Saint Mary's College set her on a path that led to her life's work. "To this day, I feel profoundly the influence of Bruno Schlesinger and Sister Charles Borromeo, chair of the theology department," said Burns. "In their different ways, they embody for me what St. Irenaeus wrote centuries ago: 'The glory of God is man fully alive.'"

The Psychology and Art of War and Reconciliation

This past winter, Saint Mary's College Psychology Associate Professor Bettina Spencer and Art Professor Krista Hoeffle collaborated on an exhibit titled "The Aesthetics of War and Reconciliation." The exhibition appeared in the Moreau Art Gallery late January through the end of February.



Lazarus by Dorothy E. Schultz

In each of the featured artists' work, there was an urgency to understand war and suffering by puncturing the benumbing images that we endlessly encounter throughout our day. The artists were intent on reclaiming the stark significance of war through concepts of its aftermath or, in their view, reconciliation. Their work invited a look at bombings, bloodied

civilians, and motionless carcasses that litter our minds just beyond our understanding. Their interpretations took the viewer through moments of delicate defiance in the face of destruction and pop icons stamped on small replicas of bombs.



Pop Culture Bombs

In *Lazarus*, artist Dorothy E. Schultz's '05 showed an empty army uniform face down on the desert ground with butterflies struggling to lift upright the invisible spirit long gone. "I think it speaks to the psychological effect of war because it is clearly showcasing the aftermath of violence. Nature is left to attempt to resurrect our mistakes," said Schultz.

New York-based artist Donald Cameron's images placed the observer squarely in the middle of an explosion of color that kicked up shards of discordant and infernal tints, leaving one disoriented and waiting for—perhaps dreading—the still image to settle.

The exhibit featured a variety of media through which to ponder the costs of war and the effects of ongoing violence to our spirits. Other artists' works shown were Susanne Slavick and Mary Strebinger, and the new media installations of Dan Mills and Joseph DeLappe.

"I think a lot of artists today are really acting as amateur psychologists conducting social psychological experiments," said Schultz. "Artists are really savvy to the world around them and are particularly sensitive to feeling out how to engage a viewer."

Linda Tropp, associate professor of psychology and Director of the Psychology of Peace and Violence Program at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, gave the keynote address at the exhibition's opening on January 28. The exhibition was co-sponsored by the Departments of Art and Psychology, Justice Education, Women's Studies, Sociology and Intercultural Studies, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, and the University of Notre Dame Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Visit <http://www.moreauartgalleries.com/> for more information.

Saint Mary's College Receives Carnegie's Community Engagement Classification



Carolyn Call

In January, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching included Saint Mary's College in its elective Community Engagement Classification. Colleges that qualify must apply for the designation based on curricular engagement, outreach, and partnerships.

The designation is a tribute, in large part, to the work of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE). "There is a spirit of service that is prevalent at Saint Mary's College," said Carolyn Call, director of the OCSE. "This designation is a testament to the devoted engagement of our students, faculty, and staff in issues facing our local community. This honor reflects Saint Mary's commitment to the best in Catholic higher education."

According to OCSE, 80 percent of Saint Mary's College students participate in service by the time they graduate (the national average is 55 percent). Among the community programs OCSE operates is the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT), a program in which Saint Mary's students work with local Title I schools in South Bend, offering services that include English, reading, and mathematics tutoring. The students also provide teacher assistance in the classrooms (including English as a Second Language skills building and special education); a Read-to-a-Child program; and the innovative Pen Pals program where fourth grade girls are paired with Saint Mary's students for a semester to share letters.

Accounting Students Take First in INCPAS Collegiate Contest

A team of Saint Mary's College accounting students and their professor took first place in this year's Indiana Certified Public Accounting Society's (INCPAS) 2010 collegiate contest held on Friday, November 19, in Indianapolis. Professor Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Business Administration and Economics department, led the Saint Mary's team to victory. This year's case study required Indiana college teams to research and write a paper of recommendations for a fictional struggling CPA firm.

For ten days, Allison Courtney '12, Maggie DePaola '12, Betsy Reed '11, and Maureen Temchuk '11 researched a plan for dealing with such issues as clients asking for reduced



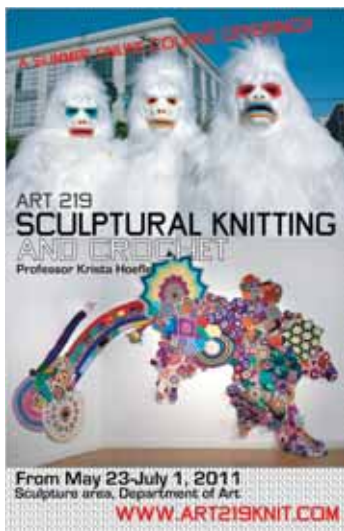
Betsy Reed '11, Maureen Temchuk '11, Mary Ann Merryman, Maggie DePaola '12, and Allison Courtney '12

fees and updating business and marketing strategies. “Our team submitted a paper of 50 written pages and 30 pages of appendices,” said Merryman. “Just the number of pages they produced gives you an idea of the tremendous amount of work our students put into the competition.”

Their paper, chosen from 16 team entries, took them to Indianapolis for the finals where they made their oral presentation before four CPA judges. That evening, Saint Mary’s first place award was announced “Academy Award-style” at a gala of more than 600 guests from the business community. Saint Mary’s competed against finalist teams from IU Bloomington, IUPUI, Butler University, University of Southern Indiana, and Valparaiso University. Merryman has led the Saint Mary’s teams to the “final six” for the past five years with their highest placement at third before they entered the 2010 competition. The Saint Mary’s teams have benefited from strong faculty commitment to lead the team. “Students graduate, so the one constant is a faculty member with an ongoing commitment to make sure that a college or university organizes and coaches a team to compete,” explained Merryman.

Casting Off in New Directions

by Ann Jacobson



No longer just busywork for idle hands, knitting and crochet technique has been cast off in new—and somewhat unexpected—directions ranging from mathematics to contemporary art during the last decade or so. A219: Sculptural Knitting and Crochet is among several classes joining Saint Mary’s growing list of online class offerings this year.

While math has always played an underlying role in knitting and crochet (knit

one, purl two), who would have guessed that needles and hooks would emerge as important tools for mathematicians, let alone for artists wanting to cast social comment through their art? “There are a slew of mathematicians and artists who are using fiber-based materials—specifically crochet and knitting techniques—as ways of deriving physical models of mathematical concepts,” says Krista Hoefle, associate professor of art and director of the Moreau Art Galleries for Saint Mary’s College.

Indeed, math professors at Cornell University in the late 1990s discovered that crocheted hyperbolic planes provided more durable models for which to study hyperbolic geography than did the flimsy paper models they formerly used.* Resembling crocheted doilies that were once commonly used to fashion skirts for dolls, the mathematical models are actually deceptively intricate examples of intrinsic geographical equations. Likewise, but in an opposite direction, knitting and crochet have become a medium for artists to create pieces that cast social comment, a common thread in today’s contemporary art, Hoefle says. In 2007, the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City featured an exhibition, “Radical Lace and Subversive Knitting,” in which artists used traditional needlework technique to create wildly varied pieces that resembled anything but grandma’s handmade scarves and sweaters, but which, instead, conveyed social issues related to such handwork, such as labor practices.



Around the time of that exhibition, Hoefle had been busy teaching herself to knit and crochet and was integrating her resultant handiwork into her own installation pieces. “My colleague and Department Chair Julie Tourtillotte, was going on sabbatical and suggested I teach a sculpture course focusing on knitting and crochet as a replacement for the usual Fibers

class she taught. I jumped at the chance, and I offered Art 219: Sculptural Knitting and Crochet for the first time,” she says. “Ironically, to teach a classroom filled with 15 students how to knit and crochet, I needed to project streaming video of myself knitting and crocheting so that the entire class could see what I was doing. I was constantly ‘hooked up’ to a computer and video projector during the semester. I was a knitting cyborg! Maybe there’s another way to teach knitting to a large group, but this was the way that made sense to me.”

The A219 Sculptural Knitting and Crochet class is making its online debut this summer session with enrollment open to the College’s students and others alike. The course features projects and assignments that explore the technical process, historical traditions, and contemporary uses of knitting and crochet in the visual arts. “Of course, we’ll be using alternative, wild and wacky linear materials for projects. There are other really innovative, open-source technologies out there developed specifically for knitting and crochet by contemporary artists that we’ll be using for the class,” Hoefle says.

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which will outlive us.”

—WILLIAM JAMES

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Fall Sports

With the completion of the Fall 2010 sports season, several Saint Mary's student-athletes were recognized for outstanding performances in their sports.

Cross Country

Julia Kenney '13 became the fifth runner in the history of the cross country program to be named All-MIAA. The first runner to be named all-conference as a sophomore, Kenney also became the youngest harrier to earn All-Region honors by finishing 33rd out of 240 runners at the NCAA Regional. As a team, the Belles took third in the MIAA for the program's highest-ever finish.



Julia Kenney '13

Golf



2010 MIAA Golf Champions



Mary Kate Boyce '11

The nationally ranked golf team captured its sixth MIAA Championship by capping off the fall with season-low score of 312. Mary Kate Boyce '11 swept the post-season conference awards by earning season medalist, "Most Valuable Golfer," and Sportsmanship Award honors. It is the fourth consecutive year that Saint Mary's has had the season medalist. Boyce along with Rosie O'Connor '11, Marin Beagley '14, and Doyle O'Brien '14 were all named to the All-MIAA First Team.

Volleyball



Meghann Rose '12



Ellen Huelsmann '11

Senior Ellen Huelsmann '11 and junior Meghann Rose '12 helped the volleyball team be a force to be reckoned with during the 2010 season. Huelsmann was the recipient of the team's Impact Player and Coaches Award at the end of the season. Rose surpassed 1,000 career digs in just her third season of play and was also an Impact Player award recipient.

Soccer

The soccer team continued its streak of ten straight seasons with an All-MIAA selection. Freshman midfielder Mollie Valencia '14 was named to the All-MIAA Second Team at the conclusion of the season. A starter in each of the team's eight conference contests and 19 games of the season, she was tied as the team's leading scorer at the end of the year.



Mollie Valencia '14

Basketball

The basketball team recently completed one of the most successful seasons in the history of the program. The Belles won 18 games, surpassing the school record 17 wins set just two seasons ago in 2009. At the end of the regular season, the team had also shot and made more free throws than any other team in NCAA Division III women's basketball.

Kelley Murphy '12, Maggie Ronan '12, and Liz Wade '11 were named All-MIAA by conference coaches at the end of the season. Murphy became the ninth player in school history to score 1,000 career points. She is just the third player to accomplish the feat as a junior. A three-time MIAA Player of the Week, she was an All-MIAA First Team honoree. Ronan had a breakout junior season and was a two-time MIAA Player of the Week. The junior guard was named to the All-MIAA Second Team. Wade, meanwhile, completed her career as the all-time leader in single season and career steals. An All-MIAA Second Team honoree this season, she was the 2009 MIAA Most Valuable Defensive Player.



Kelley Murphy '12

Swimming



Audrey Dalrymple '12

The swimming team capped off its season with a strong team performance at the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships in February. Despite not having any divers on the team, the Belles finished fifth of seven teams competing in the three-day event.

At the championships, each member of the Saint Mary's swim team improved her time from earlier in the season in at least one event. In addition, the team set seven new school records by the end of the season.

Audrey Dalrymple '12 and Ellie Watson '13 both were named All-MIAA at the conclusion of the season. It marks the first time in school history that two swimmers have earned all-conference accolades. The pair both achieved NCAA B cut times while being among the Belles swimmers to break school records in 2011.

Alumnae Deaths

Sister Marjorie Jones, CSC '55, worked 30 years as librarian at the Cushwa-Leighton library, January 12, 2011.

Nona Linton Aguilar '38, January 2, 2011.

Gertrude Heinz Clifford '39, November 5, 2010.

Mary Anne Major Gury '41, October 29, 2010.

Margaret Grace Kotte O'Hara '42, mother of Patricia O'Hara Gable '70 and grandmother of Margaret Gable Wroblewski '00, January 5, 2011.

Georgia Mary Kelly O'Dea '43, November 19, 2010.

Mary Alyce Nevins Sasso '44, November 2010.

Margaret A. Dessert '46, January 4, 2009.

Margaret Gruber King '46, mother of Pamela King Kelb '74, November 7, 2010.

Elizabeth "Betty" Muckenhirn Kolb '47, mother of Ellen Kolb Schratz '79 and sister of Maryellen Muckenhirn '45, November 3, 2010.

Jean Bresnahan Kasian '48, mother of Marijean Dean Sahyouni '81, January 25, 2011.

Georgina Voll '48, sister of Mary Voll Coquillard '44, aunt of Susan Voll Galbraith '74, Mary Voll Fisher '76, Virginia Voll Prochaska '76, Patricia Voll McBride '77, and Sally Voll Rowley '82, November 30, 2010.

Mercedes M. Gassensmith '49, November 29, 2010.

Joan Elizabeth Kroth Lackey '49, sister of Catherine Kroth Page '41, January 3, 2011.

Jean Eichenseher Lill '49, mother of Cris Lill Valdes '73, sister of Mary Susan Eichenseher Fishbaugh '69, and grandmother of Lora Wilcomb '05, December 29, 2010.

Donna Neubert Bergagnini '52, January 26, 2010.

Mary Jo Struett Bowman '52, sister of Sarah Struett O'Keefe '55, aunt of Bridget O'Keefe Sepich '81, and Kathleen O'Keefe Flores '83, February 6, 2011.

Joan Wegmann Buttigig '52, January 5, 2011.

Lois Robinson Witucki '52, November 12, 2010.

Joan Crawford Easley '53, aunt of Mary Ann Crawford '89, February 5, 2011.

Dolores Kools Herbstreith '53, August 12, 2010.

Elizabeth Wolter Paul '53, November 7, 2010.

Marilyn "Lyn" Fellrath Riley '53, grandmother of Courtney Riley Goodber '05, November 26, 2010.

Marianna Marcucci Hassett '54, October 13, 2010.

Carol Verbrugge '54, October 6, 2010.

Carol Gudgeon Deatrick '55, aunt of Susan Gudgeon Reilly '70, January 31, 2011.

Carol Reyniers '56, November 30, 2007.

Marianne McCrudden Walters '57, aunt of Margaret Prosser Brown '87, January 5, 2011.

Margaret "Marge" Hoefler Miller '58, sister of Rosemary Hoefler Maher '61, November 11, 2010.

Sister Mildred Marie (Margaret Ann Keefe), CSC '59, November 12, 2010.

Rosemary Holland Sweeney '59, mother of Elizabeth Sweeney Rykaczewski '89, sister of Priscilla Holland Trunck '60 and Bertina Holland Demling '67, aunt of Mary Trunck Sommise '87, cousin of Deirdre Milon Ralph '90 and Anne Donovan-Brady '90, January 18, 2011.

Judy Klaboron Easter '60, May 31, 2010.

Lois Prestin McCaughey '60, December 9, 2010.

Joanne Nowicki Easley '61, November 23, 2010.

Sister M. Emmanuel Angle, CSFN '62, September 30, 2010.

Denise Greene Cook '64, daughter of Mary Dunlap Greene '41, and sister-in-law of Mary Janssen Cook '64, January 23, 2011.

Patricia Devine McCarthy '65, mother of Amy McCarthy Carney '91, December 2, 2010.

Sister Maria (Marie Joseph) Exner, SSND '66, November 18, 2010.

Helen Grace Behmer Hess '68, November 7, 2010.

Helen M. Wostmann '69, February 5, 2011.

Simone Rouilleault Ingram '70, August 29, 2010.

Kathleen Ellen Shelton '71, September 15, 2010.

Teresa "Terri" Thomas Halvorson '72, sister of Julie Thomas '71, October 23, 2010.

Mary Colleen Unger Crawford '73, January 27, 2011.

Michele Debra Zeitler '76, November 29, 2010.

Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown '78, October 21, 2010.

Family Deaths

Eva Brabant, grandmother of Miranda Baxter '09, December 21, 2010.

James W. Carney, father of Meghan Carney Gargas '91, November 2010.

Rita Combs-Logue, mother of Susan Combs Dampier '72 and Elizabeth Combs Martin '76, grandmother of Bridget Martin Hein '04, December 9, 2010.

Robert Joseph Commers, father of Elizabeth Commers '05, November 12, 2010.

Rosanne O'Brien Daly, mother of Maureen Daly Martin, '81, MA-ND '82, August 12, 2010.

J. Dana Darnley, MD, father of Brenda Darnley Martin '75, October 20, 2010.

John C. Donaher Jr., ND '54, husband of Susan Sherman Donaher '56, father of Tracy Donaher '82 and

Brigid Donaher MacDonald '84, November 9, 2010.

Maureen Fahey, mother of Jennifer Fahey Seaver '94, November 22, 2010.

John C. Finnerty, husband of Anna O. Finnerty '64, November 9, 2010.

Harry L. Finniff, grandfather of Heidi Finniff '92, February 2, 2011.

Dr. Donald M. Gallagher ND '55, husband of Nancy Schwind Gallagher '58, November 15, 2010.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gibboney, mother of Kathleen Gibboney '73 and Julia Gibboney Goslee '86, November 15, 2010.

Dorothy Hambidge, mother of Mary Hambidge Haggard '67, and grandmother of Julia Malone Hum '07, February 15, 2011.

Suzanne Elizabeth Holt Grant, mother of Ann Grant Sebastian '94, November 24, 2010.

Julia Hillebrand, 12-year old daughter of Nan Jenkins Hillebrand '77, December 4, 2010.

Ruthellen "Lolly" Hollander, mother of Ann Hollander Sedlacek '69, Janet Hollander Ferlic '72 and Chris Hollander Motto '74, December 20, 2010.

Curtis Murray Humphrey, father of Mary Humphrey '69 and Susan Humphrey Lena '70, June 30, 2010.

Gretchen Anne Wahl Kleinhenz, daughter of Mary Beth Croxall Wahl '55, niece of Gertrude Croxall McDermott '58, November 24, 2010.

James "Jim" J. Kress, husband of Mary Ellen Black Kress '50, father of Susan Kress '75, October 16, 2010.

Sister M. Campion Kuhn, CSC, aunt Kathleen M. Cleary '80, January 11, 2010.

Mary Jo Lechleiter, mother of Ann Lechleiter '89, April 7, 2010.

Margaret M. Licate, mother of JoAnn Licate Buttler '69, January 6, 2011.

John F. Lill ND '47, father of Cris Lill Valdes '73, grandfather of Lora Wilcomb '05, and brother-in-law of Mary Susan Eichenseher Fishbaugh '69, September 10, 2009.

Richard C. McBrien, father of Victoria Mary McBrien '84, January 18, 2011.

William Donald McCrary, brother of Mary McCrary Gray '72, January 16, 2011.

David Meekison, husband of Mary Fran Shaff Meekison '40, July 2010.

Lawrence C. Miller ND '84, husband of Kathleen Hesslau Miller '85, father of Jean Marie Miller '14, and brother-in-law of Anne Hesslau Dondanville '82, November 24, 2010.

John J. Milligan, father of Colleen Milligan Wales '80, October 22, 2010.

Jasmin Yvett Bahena Morales, sister of Mandi Bahena '05 and Arielle Bahena '13, November 3, 2010.

Stella Morgan, 5-year old daughter of Francesca Albright Morgan '04, niece of Antonia Albright '08 and Clare Albright '10, January 30, 2011.

Jane Mulcahy, daughter-in-law of Sarah Sceales Mulcahy '59, aunt of Caille Mulcahy '07, November 13, 2010.

John D. "Red John" Murphy, husband of Mary Jane "M. J." Cullinan Murphy '44, February 12, 2011.

John L. Nelligan, father of Shannon Nelligan '03, October 22, 2010.

Patricia "Patty" O'Connor, mother of Meaghan O'Connor Gerhardtstein '02, October 21, 2010.

Richard R. Russell, father of Frances Russell '68, August 31, 2010.

Edwin J. Ryan Sr., husband of Helen Kennedy Ryan '50, uncle of Elizabeth Kennedy Holt '79, Shannon Kennedy '80, and Kathleen A. Kennedy '87, and brother-in-law of Elizabeth Finneran Kennedy '59, November 29, 2010.

Rosemary S. Saas, mother of Janet Saas Pier '85, September 26, 2009.

Hildegard M. Schneider, mother of Patricia Schneider O'Connor '86, April 13, 2009.

Maureen Elizabeth Ann Schoemaker, daughter of Ann Postorino McKenzie '72, niece of Mary Jo Postorino Kennedy '66, and Karen Postorino Sherman '75, October 19, 2010.

Edward Francis Shaughnessy, Jr. ND '54, father of Catherine Shaughnessy Brennan '81, October 6, 2010.

Eugene Siedlecki, father of Helena Siedlecki Daly '69, December 18, 2010.

Robert Leon Simmons, father of Meredith Simmons Carnes '02, October 16, 2010.

Paul G. Stadler, husband of Mary Patricia Wenning Stadler '64, father of Christine Stadler Hardy '88, and brother of Suzanne Stadler Thompson '64, December 11, 2010.

Phyllis Ann Stierwalt, mother of Ann Stierwalt Gerry '82, October 17, 2009.

Ambrose "Andy" N. Strittmatter, father of Susan Strittmatter Sandeen '70 and Ellen Strittmatter '72, November 6, 2010.

Declan Drumm Sullivan, son of Alison J. Drumm '79 and nephew of Elizabeth A. Drumm '83, October 27, 2010.

John R. Sullivan, father of Sherry Sullivan McGrath '82 and Eileen T. Taeyaerts '87, December 2010.

Dr. Edward J. Szewczyk, father of Mari-beth Szewczyk Nelson '79, August 2009.

Patricia Ann Taylor, mother of Michelle Taylor Holman '81 and Moira Taylor Castro '84, grandmother of Caitlyn Patricia Holman '13, November 30, 2010.

Edward Keating Thode, brother of Marianne Thode Matson '55, September 15, 2010.

James J. Williams, father of Patricia Williams Bodien '87, November 25, 2009.

Charles D. "Chip" Wood III, husband of Patricia Daly Wood '55, November 4, 2010.

Edward F. "Ed" Zamarelli, husband of Kathleen Butler Zamarelli '68, father of Maureen Zamarelli '96, and Theresa Zamarelli Hill '97, January 10, 2011.

Births & Adoptions

Stephanie Nash Hart '90 and Paul ND '90: Eamonn Nangle Nash Hart, August 19, 2010.

Valerie Lukas Pinarski '90 and James: Lukas Joseph, August 6, 2010.

Tina Rigby Welsh '90 and Sean: Christian Michael, November 9, 2009.

Angela McDonald-Fisher '91 and Eugene Fisher: Gabrielle Juliane Fisher, November 21, 2010.

Stephanie Tarkowski Wyatt '91 and James: Lol Constance "Hope", April 12, 2010.

Dawn Sandgren Firmstone '93 and Henry: Lauren Skye, October 19, 2009.

Kathleen Halloran '93 and Tracy Erickson: Adeline Margaret Erickson, March 9, 2010.

Michelle Budd Munch '93 and Bill ND '92: Twins, Audrey and Annie Grace, May 10, 2010.

Erika Moen Januschka '95 and Jim: James Daniel, June 16, 2010.

Jennifer Anderson Nurthen '95 and Bill ND '95: Twins, William Augustine and Paul James, August 21, 2010.

Nicole Visceglia Rodgers '95 and Daniel: Erin Christine, August 20, 2010.

Lisa Dominello Winde '95 and Mark: Bethany Christine, December 25, 2010.

Rachel Luke Giannini '96 and Brian: Benjamin Theodore, January 6, 2009.

Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96 and J.B.: Bruce Dominic, February 8, 2011.

Stephanie Krizmanich Webber '96 and Tad: Ryder Frederik, August 24, 2010.

Ann Spiess Clark '97 and Bradley: Clara Mary, July 20, 2010.

Christina Knych Ugo '97 and Pete ND '97: Matthew Knych Ugo, March 6, 2009.

Allison Carroll Wallace '97 and Eddie: John "Jack" Patrick, April 26, 2010.

Courtney Reagan Crawford '98 and Bill ND '98: Maeve Reagan, January 24, 2011.

Rachael Sederberg Ferrell '98 and Dustin ND '00: Henry Paul, September 3, 2010.

Arwen Dickey Moore '98 and Matt: Jackson Ryan, June 2, 2010.

Catherine Bohan Opel '98 and Jonathon: Caitlin Rosemary Deborah, September 12, 2010.

Lori Allen Remington '98 and Alexander ND '97: Henry Charles, December 7, 2010.

Ann Hermes Tudor '98 and Jeff: Owen Michael, September 19, 2010.

Dana Larvick Bennett '99 and Rick: George Kenneth Yung-Chih Bennett, adopted June, 2010.

Colleen Thomas Dewan '99 and Kevin ND '99: Mary Margaret, September 14, 2010.

Jaime Sessions Kammerzell '99 and Lucas: Katherine Elizabeth, August 18, 2010.

Michelle Janko Meade '99 and Richard: Nathan Atticus, July 14, 2010.

Lisa A. Maxbauer Price '99 and Matthew: Dashiell Anthony, February 2, 2011.

Jill Fenstermaker Stowers '99 and Scott: Annabelle Mae, April 17, 2010.

Rita Klein Taylor '99 and Chris: Jason Gerald Nah Taylor, born April 4, 2009, home on May 28, 2010, and adoption finalized, November 5, 2010.

Stacey Taylor '99 and Garth Shafer: Brooke Taylor Shafer, February 28, 2010.

Adrienne Sharp Zarn '99 and Michael: Aletha Linn, July 5, 2010.

Cara Ford Cernak '00 and Nick: Ava Margaret, September 24, 2010.

Mary Rodovich Falvey '00 and Scott ND '97: Noah Andrew, July 29, 2010.

Kathryn Massey Lee '00 and Jae: Sophia, November 22, 2010.

Anna Rolfe Atkinson '01 and Aaron: Carter Gary Joseph, July 7, 2010.

Machala Keenan Beam '01 and Jim: Briley Brooke, July 3, 2010.

Melissa Grabek Boltz '01 and Matt: Emma Lucille, February 23, 2010.

Lauren Oppolo Bukovac '01 and David: John David, April 21, 2010.

Lindsay Maizel Castillo '01 and Ariel: Elaina Rose, June 7, 2010.

Elizabeth Kledzik Davis '01 and Nick: Ellen, June 8, 2010.

Molly Banahan Edwards '01 and Andy: Finley Suzanne, June 5, 2010.

Mary Paccione Icasuriaga '01 and Jorge: Evelyn Beatriz, June 16, 2010.

Amanda Shock Johnson '01 and Matt ND '01: Marian Elizabeth, August 18, 2010.

Allison Sarnecki Morales '01 and Bryan: Max Peter, December 9, 2009.

Jami Lynn Newcomb '01 and Ben Keller: Eliza Lilith Keller, December 3, 2008.

Sharon Desautels Prisco '01 and Charlie: Margaret Kelly, April 12, 2010.

Asha Mukerjee Ruiz '01 and Kevin: Anabelle Emilia, November 13, 2009.

Melissa Bittner Sharpe '01 and George: Andrew "Drew" William, July 11, 2010.

Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell '01 and Shane: Alyssa Rose, December 2, 2010.

Andrea Herek Wetters '01 and Keith: Max Andrew, March 23, 2010.

Kristin Martin Bramfeld '02 and John: John Martin Bramfeld, July 28, 2010.

Lyndsey Brubaker Callan '03 and Tim ND '03: Allison "Ally" Grace, April 20, 2010.

Melanie Burke Cameron '03 and Mark: Johnpaul Mark, March 22, 2010.

Andrea Fox-Canale '03 and Joshua Canale ND '03: Emma Reese Canale, March 25, 2010.

Maura Kennedy Gaswirth '03 and Mark: Cullen Donald, January 27, 2010.

Jennifer Lombard Kibbon '03 and Lucas: John "Jack" Lucas, March 25, 2010.

Emily Miller Klump '03 and Brandon: Brogan Wayne, May 29, 2010.

Beth Didier Krieg '03 and David: David Allen Krieg, III, July 10, 2010.

Carol Yee Lee '03 and Andrew: Emma Janine, April 5, 2010.

Katherine Zimmer Mattson '03 and Ari: Kai Immanuel, May 28, 2010.

Colleen Sobolewski McGuire '03 and Sean: Brynn Elizabeth, June 3, 2010.

Becky Lindemann Miedema '03 and Marc: Jovie Claire, June 22, 2010.

Lauren Dasso Stalter '03 and Rob ND '03: Robert Joseph Jr., June 11, 2010.

Margaret Garigliano Busam '04 and Luke: Ella Rowan, September 9, 2010.

Jennifer Trachy Hakes '04 and Nathan: Cecilia Claire, December 28, 2009.

Sarah McSherry Spangle '04 and Josh: Vivienne JoAnn, June 8, 2010.

Cecilia Oleck Street '04 and Curt: Lucia Andrea, May 12, 2010.

Olivia Barzydlo Critchlow '05 and Jason: Maxwell Robert, December 30, 2010.

Emily Noem Herrera '05 and Jesse: Cecilia Margaret, December 13, 2010.

Diana Creveling Dygulski '06 and Derek: Olivia Renee, September 2, 2010.

Brynn Iversen Vollmer '06 and Damian: Bryce Hall Vollmer, December 16, 2010.

Arlene Forney Fair '09 and Bryan ND '09: Isabelle Marie, February 3, 2011.

Marriages

Terri McBirney Begas '70 and Warren, October 16, 2010.

Barbara Norcross Sitkin '75 and Peter, August 18, 2010.

Carla Prando Domenici '92 and Pete, October 2, 2010.

Christine Smiggen Forester '93 and Jeffrey, April 17, 2010.

Carla Dominello Schlieske '99 and Tom, December 4, 2010.

Katie Cousino '00 and Matt Lauck, June 13, 2010.

Casey Russell Bechtel '01 and Andrew, June 12, 2010.

Julie Norman Kimmons '01 and Rob, April 24, 2010.

Brigid Phelan Smith '01 and Jason, June 26, 2010.

Catherine Canetti Ginter '03 and Jacob, August 7, 2010.

Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell '03 and Steve, July 17, 2010.

Marianne Jennings Rehfield '03 and Chris, June 25, 2010.

Alison Joseph Small '03 and William ND '03, December 31, 2009.

Amy Wall Surma '03 and Jon-Paul, May 29, 2010.

Lynn Taylor-Glass '03 and Michael Glass, September 6, 2008.

Erin Carsele Fiorini '05 and Julian, June 12, 2010.

Diana Harden '05 and Levi Oliver, November 12, 2010.

Emily Noem Herrera '05 and Jesse, March 13, 2010.

Michelle Powell Jadcak '05 and Jeremy, October 16, 2010.

Lane Cooper Hepp '06 and Michael, May 1, 2010.

Lauren Siegel Mitchell '06 and Jason, October 2, 2010.

Juliana Fisher Chervanick '08 and Daniel, August 21, 2010.

Megan Welsch Cummings '08 and Timothy ND '09, December 4, 2010.

Emily Moynihan Kasper '08 and Caleb, September 25, 2010.

Sarah King Politano '09 and Timothy ND '09, August 14, 2010.

Alabama

Given how few Saint Mary's alumnae reside in this area, we have not had an active club. But, we now have a new initiative to bring us together. A few Saint Mary's alums gathered with some ND women alums to initiate a "ND Women Connect" group here in Birmingham. While this is a ND club initiative, we have joined forces to create a worthwhile experience for all those who shared a Notre Dame, Indiana, college experience. Happily, the group was half Saint Mary's alums. We plan this quarterly joint venture to strengthen our women's friendships and provide service to women in our community. Any Saint Mary's alumna in the area interested in joining us can contact me. Kathy Fleege Harrington '72 205-996-5889.

Chicago East

The Chicago East Club would like to thank our dedicated board and club members for a fantastic end to 2010. Founders' Day was a tremendous success and we donated all proceeds to the Chicago Endowed Scholarship, in honor of the late Chicago student, Elizabeth Seeberg. The event could not have been such a success without all of Founders' Day sponsors and the Founders' Day Committee: Trish Kisor Melchert '04, Chair, Gwen Duffield '96, Rachel Garko Pasquini '04, Becky Novak '98, Jackie Paunicka '06, and Michelle Samreta Stallionis '00.

The Chicago East Club celebrated the successes of 2010 with a holiday party that combined the Wine Club and Alumnae Board in a holiday feast matched with holiday wines, and concluded with an elaborate cookie exchange. The club closed a wonderful 2010 with a service event where we prepared and served a holiday dinner for the women of Miriam Apartments in Uptown, Chicago.

bang we are looking forward to bringing more great events all year long. Our Mom's Club, Legal Group, Business Group and Wine Club continue to thrive and provide wonderful connections for alumnae of various class years. We are also happy to announce two new programs in the club, the Chicago Class Representatives, and our new Mentor/Mentee Program beginning in March. Contact Gwen Duffield '96, gdfield@yahoo.com if you are interested in either program.

In order to continue to provide all of these events on a regular basis, the Chicago East Club has instituted a new annual membership fee of \$40. We understand that times are tough, so to help offset this new membership fee, we will provide you the opportunity to save \$10 off one of our premier scholarship fundraising events, Spring Tea, or Founders' Day. We hope that you will help support the club and become a member. Please communicate with Adriana Puente '05, adrianapuate27@yahoo.com, about your membership.

Our next premier fundraising event will be our annual Scholarship Spring Tea at the end of April. We are very pleased to announce that Gertrude Landsfield Lyons '87 has generously volunteered to host the Tea at her beautiful home. Please contact, Becky Novak '98, becky_n_1999@yahoo.com, for more information.

Thank you for a great 2010 and we are working hard to making 2011 even better!

Please contact Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, lindseycotter@yahoo.com, if you would like to get involved. We would be honored to have you!

Chicago West

The Chicago West Alumnae club wrapped up 2010 with three activities. First, we gathered for Mass and brunch on a Saturday morning in Naperville to celebrate Founders' Day in October. We collected \$175 in donations for Saint Mary's College and the Chicago Scholarship. Next, our group participated in a service day at the People's Resource Center (Wheaton) in November, donating 40 hours of community service by working in the food and clothing pantries. The PRC serves disadvantaged DuPage county residents in numerous capacities. Many thanks to Joanne Tracy Marsh '69 and Patty Piercy Cushing '90 who chaired these events, respectively and to all our participants. Thank you!

Finally our annual Christmas Evening of Sharing was held at the home of Kristin Simono Newell '91 in Naperville. Alumnae brought items to create exam care packages for a few lucky freshmen, as well as a donation for the PRC's Share the Spirit Campaign. The club is grateful for everyone's generosity as we support the PRC and its causes. In our charitable efforts we not only serve others, but enjoy the resulting togetherness with fellow Saint Mary's alumnae.

The Book Club reading list for 2011 has been published and is available on the club website. We look forward to seeing some new faces at an upcoming book discussion. We also encourage discussion leaders so if you're passionate about a book, join us and share! Thanks to the hostesses who make these friendly events happen.

A few dozen alumnae and family members cheered

on the Notre Dame men's basketball team when they came to town in February to play DePaul. We enjoyed discounted ticket pricing when we partnered with the Chicago East club, and would like to think we helped cheer on the Irish to another victory, too!

Besides book club, watch your email for reminders about upcoming Dinners Out – in April and June. Please note we will be collecting dues with an annual newsletter in August, as we recently changed our fiscal year to begin on September 1. Keep your address up to date with the alumnae office to stay informed. If you missed any of these events, please get in touch with us to receive our email communications. If you're interested in helping organize any of these events, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com. Check us out on Facebook when you Like: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Chicago West Alumnae Club.

Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Alumnae Club was on a roll in 2010 and in 2011 it looks like we are just picking up speed! In October 2010, the Cincinnati club celebrated Founders' Day at the Hyde Park Country Club. The event was hosted by Mary Lou Motl '68 and over 40 alumnae attended. Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC '66 and Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC '51 came from Saint Mary's and shared their wealth of knowledge about the Holy Cross Sisters and the founding of the College.

On January 6, Patty Crotty Misrach '61 opened her gorgeous home to all the alumnae for a celebration of the Epiphany party. Alumnae spanning from '59 to '09 enjoyed a wonderful cocktail party and catered dinner together.

Alumnae can look forward to our spring event to take place on April 1st. We will be touring the art museum and then relaxing in the café for lunch afterwards. We're also excited to start our first book club. We will be joining other alumnae clubs across the country and will be discussing Nicole Krauss' book *The History of Love*. The meeting will take place on May 9 at Molly Malone's in Pleasant Ridge at 6:30 pm.

Our send-off picnic will be Sunday, August 7 at 5pm at the home of Holly '12 and Hannah Karches '14. More details about these events and more can be found in our newly established alumnae newsletter. Look for it to come to your house soon!

For more information regarding the Cincinnati alumnae club, please contact Kacey Horner Schmitt '85 at KCsigns@aol.com

Cleveland/Akron

On Friday evening, March 4, club members pampered themselves at the Dolce Organic Salon in Strongsville. Alumnae had the chance to experience all organic products for hair, skin, and nails while dining on fabulous foods, enjoying a glass of wine, and leaving refreshed, relaxed, and rejuvenated. Many thanks to Debbie Stancik Krawczyk '78 for chairing this well attended winter event.

The Club celebrated winning the Club of the Year with a spring luncheon on Saturday, April 2 at Austin's Wood Fire Grill in Brecksville. The featured special guest was Shari Rodriguez, vice president of college relations, who presented the Club with the award. Winning the Club of the Year was a great honor for the Cleveland/Akron alumnae. Much work and dedication by alumnae made this award become reality. We should all be very proud of our dedication and efforts.

For more information about upcoming gatherings and events contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net.

CLASSCLIPS



In February, club members and their spouses warmed some hearts at the Lincoln Park Community Shelter where they prepared and served more than 40 residents at the shelter. Left to right: Tara Abbott '92, Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, Courtney Morrow Smitham '05, Michelle Samerta Stallionis '00, Katie Kelleher '01, and Colleen Sullivan Schaefer's '01.

Despite the cold weather, April Thomas '05 hosted our first event of 2011, a book review of *The History of Love* the "One Book, One Saint Mary's" book. In February, club members and their spouses warmed some hearts of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter where we prepared and served more than 40 residents at the shelter. Special thanks to the service chair, Courtney Morrow Smitham '05 and helpers Tara Abbott '92, Katie '01 and Chris Kelleher, Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, Michelle Samreta Stallionis '00 and Dan Stallionis, Colleen Sullivan Schaefer's '01 and Scott Schaefer's. For those interested in participating in service events, the club also continues to help the Big Shoulders Foundation with quarterly school clean-ups in Chicago area schools.

As you can see, Chicago East ended the year with a

Colorado

Our Colorado Club will once again host a “care package” party in April at the home of Kelly O’Brien, ’90 in Colorado Springs. Goodies will be sent to the students from Colorado to help get them through finals week. If you would like to contribute to the care packages, please contact Kelly at kellyo90@comcast.net, or call her at (719) 351-6693

For the upcoming year, we are creating an advisory committee to help Kelly, the incoming president, to continue in a direction that builds on communication and connection that can encourage more participation from our nearly 400 alumnae from all over the state. Recently suggested activities include a lunch or dinner club, hiking, game nights and a book club. A monthly newsletter is also in the works. Any other ideas or suggestions are most welcome, and if you’d like to help plan or host an event, please let us know.

Columbus

The Columbus club is currently restructuring and establishing a Board of Directors. In December the club hosted a happy hour and collected toys for Toys for Tots. The Book Club met to discuss *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy. For more information please contact Katie Vincer Sears ’03 at kvincer@gmail.com.

Dallas



Members of the Dallas/Fort Worth Alumnae Club met to discuss the “One Book, One Saint Mary’s” selection, *The History of Love*.

Our book club is still going strong, recently reading *The Brink* by local author Mark Fadden. We also hosted a new event for all area high school students interested in finding out more about Saint Mary’s.

If you’d like to receive information when we have club activities, send us an email at smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

Detroit

On August 15, 2010, we held our annual Freshman Sendoff at the Regents of Troy Clubhouse, hosted by Lisa Walton Roelle ’05, and Amy Gentile ’92. Maureen Sullivan ’55, Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki ’05 and Caitlin Cunningham ’10 also attended and shared their wonderful stories and advice with Meghan Barnauskas ’14, Hillary Shesterkin ’14 and their parents! We are very excited to welcome all of the class of 2014 to our family!

The Club gathered together on December 5, 2010 for our annual Christmas Celebration at the Heathers of Bloomfield Hills. The morning began with the celebration of Mass at St. Thomas More Church in Troy, MI, followed by a wonderful brunch at the Heathers of Bloomfield Hills, hosted by Mary Anne McManus Harahan ’55 and Maureen Sullivan ’55. Twenty alumnae, their spouses and family gathered together to share in

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O Come All Ye Faithful! The Saint Mary’s Detroit Alumnae Club gathered for their annual Christmas celebration. They collected over 30 coats for children served by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. the Christmas Spirit. As it is the season of giving, the Saint Mary’s College Detroit Alumnae Club participated in the Caps, Coats ‘N Kids program run by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. We collected enough winter gear to keep over 30 Detroit children warm throughout the winter season. We are blessed to have such a wonderful and active club! Thank you for all your support!

We are looking for fresh faces to join in club planning and organization. If you are interested in becoming an officer or even helping plan events, please email Lisa Walton Roelle ’05 at smcdac@gmail.com.

Georgia



The Georgia Alumnae Club gathered in January for a happy hour! Pictured from left to right: Megan Martin ’06, Mary Buehl ’06, Jennifer Rappold Ryan ’89, Renee Toth ’03, Barbara McCusker Poole ’66, Patricia McCusker Allgood ’70, and Natasha Uffner ’06

The Georgia Club had a great Happy Hour on January 27 with several alumnae stopping by for some food and drinks at Kaleidoscope Pub in Brookhaven.

This coming spring we will be holding a St. Patrick’s Day get together, as well as a service opportunity. Keep an eye out for emails about these events.

To stay in touch, please contact Rosemary Walsh ’07 (rosemarywalsh@gmail.com) or Sarah Vabulas ’06 (svabulas@gmail.com).

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club had a couple of exciting events over the past few months. The club enjoyed

celebrating our Founders’ Day as a Tea in November with specialty teas and puff pastries at Tulip Noir. We had the pleasure of hosting Cushwa-Leighton Library Director, Janet Fore, who presented about the college’s acceptance of a replication of *The Saint John’s Bible*.

On December 9, 2010, members of the Indianapolis Alumnae Book Club gathered at the Indianapolis Museum of Art to tour the exhibit “Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection.” Over 200 pins from the unique collection of the former Secretary of State were displayed, including pins of every description, many with fascinating stories attached. This event enriched the reading of the December book selection, *Read My Pins: Stories From A Diplomat’s Jewelry Box*. Afterwards, the members adjourned to the Nourish Café located at the Museum for dinner and discussion. A special thank you to Mary Anne Madden Hoffman ’73 for organizing the event.

We kicked off 2011 with our first ‘Girls Pint Out’ on March 10. This is going to be a quarterly event to enjoy a drink with fellow Belles and catch up or make new friends! We are focusing more promotion about our events via email and our Indianapolis SMC Alumnae Facebook page. We encourage you to friend us and update your email address with the college.

Lastly, we would like to thank Mary Kay Conaty Leicht ’74 for hosting our Freshman Send-Off event for the past 12 years! We have appreciated her and her family opening their home and going above and beyond our expectations each year. Thank you!

Kansas City

2011 is off to a great start for The Kansas City Club! On Sunday, February 13, we took part in a service project for The Hope Lodge. The Hope Lodge is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and provides free accommodations for out-of-town patients and their families. It was a great success! Helen Orth-Drone ’94 coordinated everything and did a wonderful job! We played bingo, decorated cookies and made cards for each of the patients currently in residence at the Lodge. We were excited to bring some Valentine fun to The Hope Lodge. We were also excited to meet some new Saint Mary’s alumnae from the Classes of 2003 and 2009. We are tentatively planning a joint Saint Patrick’s Day event with the Notre Dame Club for March. For more information on our events or to get involved with the KC Club, please contact Nancy Midden at nmidden@gmail.com.

Los Angeles

During the month of December, several alums gathered for no-host luncheons at restaurants throughout the region to celebrate the holiday season. Having multiple events at a variety of locations allowed more of us to participate in the fun. For more information about the club please contact Mary Kay Scheid ’88 at mary_kayscheid@yahoo.com.

Milwaukee

New club president, Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuensch ’78 hosted an organizational meeting on January 31, with a hardy group of alums who braved the elements and gathered at her home to strategize and plan Club activities and changes for the upcoming year. The group included Barb Timm Stratton ’78, Sally Strobel Ladky ’69, Missy Lind ’98, Janie Schiltz ’77, Barb Jacobs Mueller ’74, Norma Hinz Herbers ’79, and Kelly O’Connor ’06. After thanking Melissa Lind ’98 and Kristi Butman Brandon ’03 for their service as the outgoing co-coordinators of the Club, the meeting got down to business. We decided to

eliminate annual dues and then, we sketched out a few events for the year, including spiritual, social, and service oriented activities. We will kick off the year with a joint activity with the Notre Dame Club of Milwaukee, as we sponsor the popular Communion Mass and breakfast to be held on March 20, at 9:00 AM at the Mount Mary College Chapel. Cost is \$15 per person. We are also planning a few other joint activities with the Notre Dame Club including a summer Brewer's baseball game and tailgate at Miller Park.

The Club also plans to sponsor a College Sendoff backyard barbecue for newly enrolled first year students and current Saint Mary's students as well as their parents in August, a Breast Cancer Walk in September, and what we hope will become our signature event, our Annual Club luncheon in October. We also want to create opportunities for our Wisconsin alumnae to network and socialize in smaller groups depending on their interests. Whether it's a book club, or quilting club or anything else, please let us know and we will work to put you in touch with other members of the club with similar interests. We plan to promote the use of the internet, email lists and our Club Alumnae web site to stay connected. We also invite any Club member interested in a leadership role to join our steering committee. We will be updating our website shortly, including contact information for Club leaders, Club Events, News and Links. We also invite recent alums, alums who have relocated to Wisconsin, current students and parents to join our Wisconsin Saint Mary's family. We want to hear from you! Simply send me an email with your contact information and we will add you to our growing database. Cheers, Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuench '78. prosqr1@aol.com.

New Jersey

Thank you, Chelsea Iversen '08 for organizing a young alumnae gathering in Hoboken at Christmastime. All young alumnae are encouraged to contact Chelsea to participate and/or help plan future events (chelsea.iversen@gmail.com). We received several thank you notes from our current students who LOVED our Hershey's Chocolate Christmas care packages. Thank you all for sending in your \$25 dues to help make this a successful tradition for our Club. Our regional efforts and in partnership with the local Notre Dame Clubs, we

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The Saint Mary's New Jersey Alumnae Club hosted the New Jersey Young Alumnae Networking Happy Hour on December 23. There were seven young alums and one senior in attendance, and everyone had a wonderful time. We are going to be hosting another event in the spring! Attendees, from left to right: Catherine Duffy '09, Kathryn Doyle '07, Taryn McCarty '10, Gwyneth Murray-Nolan '09, Caitlin Buzaid '11, Amanda Huithwaite '10, Chelsea Iversen '08, and Quinlan O'Grady '10

will be co-hosting a couple of tall ship dockside receptions this summer: June 25 in Jersey City and June 28 in New York City. More info to follow via email. If you are not receiving our emails or if you would like to send in your \$25 annual dues (check made out to SMCNJ Club), please contact Dawn Parker Santamaria '81: dawn@sistersundersail.org ~ 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

San Francisco/San Jose

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San Francisco and San Jose alumnae enjoyed a wonderful outdoor brunch in celebration of Founders' Day. Pictured left to right: Nancy Branton Davies '49, Shari Rodriguez, Vice President of College Relations at Saint Mary's College, Lisa Maglia Brown '78.

The Saint Mary's College Alumnae Clubs of San Jose and San Francisco/East Bay celebrated Founders' Day with Mass and a quaint outdoor brunch on a beautifully sunny day in November. Joining them to celebrate and share news from the College was Shari Rodriguez, vice president of college relations. They are organizing an ongoing service project collecting pantry items and cooking a monthly dinner at JW House, a guest home in Santa Clara for families of hospitalized children. The weekend of Feb 26, alumnae and friends enjoyed a getaway in the Sonoma Wine Country. If you would like to be more involved with the San Jose or San Francisco Clubs, please contact Christina Tecson '98 (ctecson3@hotmail.com, 408-598-5532).

San Diego

The San Diego Club was honored to have President Carol Ann Mooney '72 visit us on January 8. Alumnae present included Barbara Drossel McKnight '77, Sandy Parry '07, Peggy Battle Burns '81, Marilyn Dargis Ambrose '52, Mary Jean Wallace Paxton '52, Kathleen Hossley Hines '59, Natalie Cheeseman Ochoa '96, Katie Kotarak '10, Danielle Maloney '99, Lisa Claussen Kommers '93, Susan Bailey Scott '95, Colleen O'Rourke Veltz '94, Jane Nagle Hargrove '67, Emily Olson '91, Tina Hooker '65, Nicole Mercado Fortunato '00, Jennifer Wagner '05, Rosemary Rath Quinn '64, Ellen Louise

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Members of the San Diego Club gathered on January 8, on the campus of the University of San Diego to meet and listen to President Carol Ann Mooney '72. Also in attendance from the College was Kara O'Leary '89, director of alumnae relations.

Leonard '93, Vickie Blankert Richardson '79, Abigail Richardson '08, and Kara O'Leary '89, director of alumnae relations at Saint Mary's, along with our 19 guests celebrated Mass and enjoyed a lovely dinner at our local Catholic university, University of San Diego. We were delighted to learn of all the positive changes Saint Mary's is incorporating to all the traditions we value. We truly wish President Mooney and her Board the best in the years to come. We look forward to supporting the President and our alma mater in all ways possible.

For more information regarding future activities or suggestions, please contact Sandy Parry '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or (619) 871-8016.

Toledo

During the summer of 2010, The University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Clubs of Toledo collaborated in hosting the 24th Annual Celebrity Golf Outing as well as the Annual Student Send-Off. The Celebrity Golf Outing was held on June 28th at the famed Inverness Club and featured Notre Dame football legends such as Frank Stams as well as various alumni, friends, and families who could participate in not only golf but in swimming and a round robin tennis tournament.

The Annual Student Send-Off was held on August 3 at Oleander Park in Sylvania, Ohio. The Clubs were fortunate to induct seventeen new families into the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Community who were welcomed by several returning families of alumni and current students.

The Clubs also jointly hosted a Holiday Happy Hour under the event chair Dr. Mark MacQuillan on Dec. 6 2010 at the Claddagh Pub in Toledo, Ohio. Over 50 Saint Mary's and Notre Dame families were in attendance. Guest speakers included Michelle Shakur and Jason Scarlett from the ND Development Office discussing the Notre Dame Club of Toledo's Endowment for Excellence that will help become a summer service internship in transplantation science in 2010. The Club will launch the details at the 25th Annual Golf Outing at the famed Inverness Club on Monday, June 27 2011. There will be family swimming, tennis, educational activities, mass and dinner with a VIP. All are welcome.

Twin Cities

The holidays and frigid cold in Minnesota have kept alums busy and indoors, but the Twin Cities Alumnae Club has still managed to sneak in some events to distract us from the winter weather! In November the Fun Alums group met at a local wine bar in downtown St. Paul where we were happy to meet and welcome new alums to the area. As always it turned out to be a great way to network as well. The book club also met in November to discuss *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett. They plan to meet again in February to talk about *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

The Fun Alums group is also excited to go on the local Summit brewery tour in February. An inspiring and delicious way to see entrepreneurship first hand. We're looking forward to the Spring when we can defrost and continue planning our next volunteer event.

Please contact Colleen Dolphin '01 (colleen@dolphinography.com) for more information about club events or check out club events on Facebook at St. Mary's College Twin Cities Alumni Club.

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Following my last column (*Courier*, Fall 2010) describing classmate and nun friend (nicknamed "Puggy"), a flood of positive remarks about **Sister Mary St. Brigid Bromeling CSC** have flowed across my desk. From generation to generation, many Saint Mary's College alums have heard about this Class of '40 nun. Puggy's formal lay name is **Hilda Bromeling**. She was our bouncy nun who radiated joy, a deep love for God as well as dedication to Saint Mary's. She loved children. I recall that I once had trouble finding her in a classroom with third grade children as she was the same height as her pupils. Her students addressed her as Sister Mary St. Brigid while almost everyone else called her Puggy.

Sister St. Brigid's greatest love was serving the lepers in Hawaii for two summers. She wanted to stay with them and they loved her. One leper was dying, and as a last wish, he asked her to light a cigarette for him. He puffed on it with no results, so he asked her to get it started for him again. Without any hesitation, and with some risk involved, she puffed away with him on this same cigarette to fulfill his dying wish. (Sacrifice was Puggy's middle name.)

At Saint Mary's Convent, Puggy has become more and more isolated. Let us pray for her as she kept us in her prayers all these years.

Sister Bernice Marie Hollenhorst CSC, Archivist at the convent, remains conversant with Puggy's niece, Judy McKay Wall, of Whitmore Lake, Mich. Following up with Judy, she and her husband, David Wall, report to us:

"Like most others, my wife, Judy, and I know Sister Brigid as 'Puggy.' She was the youngest of six children (four boys and two girls), including a sister of niece Judy's mother, Elizabeth. They were orphaned as children. The oldest three boys joined the military. The three youngest were placed in foster care. Although they were placed in different homes, Puggy and Elizabeth remained close in touch and were devoted to each other until Elizabeth died in 2001. My own relationship with (Aunt) Puggy has been over the last 25 years of her life. I will forever treasure our 'spiritual' conversations about God and life while sitting on our deck with a glass of sherry and a 'smoky' Puggy's sensitive and loving nature has always been present for the benefit of others. She radiates a joy of life."

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Mary Lucia "Pinkie" Wolff Stevenson chartered a plane from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to be with her family in Durango for Christmas where her daughter, **Elizabeth "DeDe" Stevenson Cable '73**, has a vacation home. Daughter **Mary "Sissy" Stevenson Tate '66** lives in Panama City, Fla., and her other two daughters, Peggy Stevenson and Michele Haggenwald, live in Durango, Colo. Pinkie celebrated her 90th birthday in Daytona Beach, Fla., at the yacht club. There were 30 for dinner—all her family together with others. Pinkie reported that Daytona Beach was having a cool spell late in 2010 with snow

all on the ground. Pinkie's husband's niece, **Julie Hedges Whitney '63**, lives in San Francisco. Pinkie is in touch with **Cleo Gherna Young** (who lives in Long Beach, Calif.) frequently by phone, and most recently talked to her at Christmas.

Miriam Marshall Hemphill sent the following handwritten update at Christmas: "My third great-grandson was born last month in Oregon. He has a big brother (age two-and-a-half) in Bend, where they live, and a first cousin in Portland, a little older than two. I stayed home all summer and fall. Last spring was so busy that it was good to rest. I'm going down to Apalachicola next month for a week or 10 days, and sometime after that, I'll go to Oregon. I feel I'm lazier than I used to be. Could old age be settling in? I still play bridge; I don't exercise enough; I belong to several 'interest groups' like Book Review, Antiques, Lunch Bunch, and the like. These are part of Fortnightly Club, which is composed of university faculty wives (and widows)."

Mary Mayle Hickey sent a Christmas card, reporting that she has lost her ability to read, and needed a machine to help her write her card. She is still at home, and friends get her to church.

Patricia Rogers Tyrrell lives near **Gert Daley Moran**. She has an entrance sidewalk that has an incline that prevents some "senior" citizens from being able to come and visit.

Kathryn Houser Sanford sent a lengthy newsletter at Christmas. Here are some highlights: Kay celebrated her 90th birthday and heard from more than 100 different people. She took great joy in opening every single card, she says. Kay and husband Bob realized that managing their own home was more than they could continue to cope with. They sold their house quickly, after locating *The Springs of Scottsdale*, described as "Resort Retirement Living." They moved in on August 13, and currently rent an apartment where they enjoy independent living arrangements with the option for assisted living when that becomes necessary. They learned that Notre Dame had made available final resting places for alumni on campus. They proceeded to make arrangements to "return home" by purchasing a companion niche in Mary, Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Cedar Grove Cemetery on the campus the two of them love so very much. In March, Bob composed a tribute to their pastor, Father Doug Lorig. He soon received a phone call telling him that his tribute had merited recognition. In May, they attended the huge annual diocese recognition dinner where Bob read the tribute to the group of close to a thousand people. Kay and Bob still get to Mass every day. They are still able to drive and get out and around to various activities and are able to continue to enjoy the services at Mayo Clinic. They had to skip Bob's 70th Reunion in June as they cannot cope with air travel these days. Kay and Bob are pleased with the progress the Notre Dame football team has made under their new coach, Brian Kelly. They were able to watch every game, and had mixed emotions, but now feel that the team will be much better in future years. Update on Kay's family: Pam retired from active teaching this year, but still does substitute work. Jenny has a new job in Washington, D.C., as well as a new place to stay. Emily still works at the library in the Dayton area. Megan will receive her graduate degree in nursing soon and Brian has started a new job as a representative for a medical instrument supplier. They recruited him from his surgical nursing job. **Nancy House** died in November and her five children had a funeral and services for her in Troy.

I was sorry to hear of the death of **Margaret Kottke O'Hara**, who died on January 5, 2011. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Rightmire of Granger, Ind., and **Patricia O'Hara Gable '70** of South Bend, Ind.,

and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I spent the winter months in Louisville. In the spring, my faithful gardener, Jeroid Fawbush, cleared my flowerbeds so we could enjoy all the beautiful bulbs he had planted last fall. April is a delightful month in Louisville. I was able to attend Donor Recognition Week at Saint Mary's. My granddaughter, **Ashley Clark Bass '98**, flew from her home in Houston and drove me to South Bend, Ind., for this wonderful event. Only one other classmate from the group of 1942 came: **Mary Lucia "Pinkie" Wolff Stevenson**. She was accompanied by her four very-attractive daughters who flew in with her from Florida. We had a great time and the staff did a magnificent job of entertaining us.

My oldest granddaughter, Lauren McNerney Stinnett, her husband, Darin, and their two children, Tyler, age six, and Samantha, age five, lived with us until December of this year when they moved into a cute house only a few blocks away. Lauren is a teacher at Sacred Heart where her mother, Esther Barker McNerney, and she graduated. Lauren delivered their third child, daughter Alexandra Grace, on January 11, 2011. Kristen McNerney Tincher is also a graduate of Sacred Heart. Kristen and her husband, Scott, surprised us over Thanksgiving. Daughter Esther and Rod McNerney also have two sons: Justin, who lives in Charlotte, N.C., and Gavin, a student at St. James Elementary School. Esther does a marvelous job of masterminding my medicines. She purchases all of them and puts them in a neat case so I can take my proper dosage each day. She takes me to all my doctor appointments, too.

My younger daughter, Madonna Gordon, comes to my home every weekday morning and stays with me until after my lunch. She is a great help. During the warm months, she enjoys weeding my flowerbeds with her son, Shane, who is a great help in my garden. He works at Bellarmine University, so his working time is a bit limited. I am most grateful for the assistance he and his mother give me. **Ashley Clark Bass**, Madonna's daughter, along with her husband, Rod, and their two boys, Collin, age eight, and Evan, age six, arrived in their beautiful motor home the week before Thanksgiving.

Son Kenny flew in from his home in California for the Thanksgiving holidays. He arrived on the Monday evening before and what a great time we had. On Tuesday, his daughter, Bethany, and her husband, Jose Ronchetta, along with their three-month old son, Rio, drove in from Chicago. Their baby is adorable; we had such fun exchanging times to hold him. Jose is quite a cook and made some marvelous meals for us. He even brought his new deep fryer for the Thanksgiving Day Turkey. We had 22 at the dining room table, all relatives of mine. And the turkey was delicious. Kenny's son, Kenneth Barker IV, is a captain in the Delta group of Pilots. Once in a while, he flies into Louisville and we have a nice visit with him.

My brother, Walter Wagner, takes me to dinner once in a while. He has invited me to his home for Christmas Eve meal.

In the late afternoon, I am blessed with a lovely lady, Alma Hannebury, who comes to help me 'til bed time. I am most grateful for the assistance of Alma, who is a member of Home Instead, a marvelous group geared to senior care. I continue to attend daily Mass. Whenever the Ursuline nuns have their Liturgy at 7:25 a.m. Jeroid drives me to their beautiful chapel. Usually I am the only lay person in attendance. I feel honored that the nuns permit me to share Mass with them. Other days, I go to Holy Spirit where I have been a member for 72 years. Father Tony Smith is our wonderful Pastor. Ever since Ken's death, my neighbors, Tom and Colette Dumstorff, take me to Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit.

Bridge is my favorite past time. I play as often as I can find three or four others who are free and want to play. Sometimes we go to Big Spring for dinner and return here for the evening game. Other times, I have a nice caterer, Rachel Sherman, who prepares a delicious meal and serves it to us here at my home. I love to entertain.

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From Mary Alice: As I write our class news in December 2010, **Mary Alice O'Laughlin** is winging her way to her winter home in Mexico. Before she left, she called to tell me of the death of our classmate **Mary Alyce Nevins Sasso**. Mary Alyce had been living in a nursing home the last few years. Unfortunately, I have no details about her death. I attended her funeral along with fellow classmate **Mary Jane Cullinan Murphy**. There were many girls from other classes at Saint Mary's in attendance. Shortly after hearing this, I was surprised to hear from our classmate, my special friend, **Marguerite Shaughnessy Wittebort**. Marguerite now lives in Charlotte, N.C. She wrote to tell me about Mary Alyce's death. She sent some basic details from the Chicago newspaper. Marguerite/Marge sent Kathy Sasso's address, and I will try to find out more information from her. Our condolences go to Kathy and her family.

Marge talked to **Jane Zeman Protz** recently. They hope to get together in the spring in Hilton Head. Jane lives in Savannah and they both vacation in Hilton Head.

I do talk often to dear **Jeanne Yuncker Klem**. She writes that she and Bill are hanging in there and doing their best to enjoy the winter scenery from their South Bend, Ind., home. For some of us, winter scenery is not our favorite scene... snow, ice, freezing temperatures... not the prettiest of pictures.

My girlfriends from Des Moines, Iowa, **Pat Nolan McLaughlin '42**, **Jeanne Sohm Thyberg** and I are still getting together, although not quite as frequently as in the past. The weather slows us down also.

About Jeanne... there are several things I need to tell you. Her beloved husband, Stanley, who had been ill for several years died suddenly. Stan had a lovely funeral. It was a great tribute by his family to a loving father and husband. About that same time, Jeanne was scheduled to go to a state-sponsored trip to Washington D.C., for veterans of World War II. It worked out that she was able to go and she found it an awesome experience. One more thing about Jeanne... just today, I learned that she had a serious fall in her apartment last Tuesday, November 30. Luckily, there was nothing broken, but she has cracked ribs and is in quite a bit of pain. I know that pain, as I have had broken ribs and there is no pain like it.

Almarie Sackley Mathews seems to be holding her own, but is in-and-out of the hospital. Please remember her in your prayers.

The most amazing thing of all came in today's mail. **Louise Peterman Prosser** sent a Christmas card to me with a lovely picture of herself enjoying the second snowfall in Baton Rouge, La. Wesie was amazed and delighted to see snow in Baton Rouge. Snow is wonderful to some people. Way to go Wesie.

I am heading to Florida in the next few weeks. My

health is fairly good except for a few bouts with arthritis.

Where is the rest of our class? I would love to hear from others: Ginger, Weedie, Gerry Roche, Mease, and all the others. Please send me some news.

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From the Courier: **Carrie Powers Powell** writes: Our classmate **Jean Bresnahan Kasian** died on January 24, 2011, of a cerebral hemorrhage. Please keep Jean and her family your prayers.

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From Mary Rose: As we enter 2011, we are surely grateful that we have made it to our 80th year, and judging from your letters, you have still thankfully *mens sana in corpore sano* (a healthy mind in a healthy body). A number of you have written of wonderful celebrations. **Joey Bryan MacDonald** was surprised on hers: "I had assumed it would be celebrated with a quiet dinner with four of my family. Instead, all my seven living children, two spouses, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren surprised me with a party I'll never forget. They journeyed from Massachusetts, Tennessee, Minnesota, Illinois, and Idaho. My brother and his wife drove from Aurora to be part of the evening. The birthday bash definitely made being 80 worth it!" Joey writes. As a final thought, she adds: "I think I'm like many 80-year olds, struggling to believe this age bracket has arrived. At times, I can feel a little alienated from friends who are much younger and who have no memories of the '30s and early '40s, but I'm grateful I grew up during those less troubled times. And, the social and moral restrictions back then got me through adolescence safely. Haven't we 80-year olds been blessed?"

Joanne Hickey Frazel writes of a special luncheon in her honor for her 80th with friends and family. Then in the fall, she and Jerry went to **Faith Kilburg McNamara's** special birthday. She and Jerry are "happy living at The Oak Brook Club in Oak Brook, Ill., and spending most of the summer at our Long Beach, Ind., home," Joanne writes.

Our Chicago group got together in September at The Saloon for another 80th celebration—**Marie Galoney, Faith Kilburg McNamara, Jo Brazaitis Ebert, Pat Egan Skudnig**, and even **Elaine Smith Caraher** made it in to celebrate. We can chat all afternoon. I was sorry to miss seeing **Mary Jo Struett Bowman**, who came to visit her sister in Chicago in October. **Faith Kilburg McNamara, Marie Galoney**, and **Mary Berners "Bernie" Kishler** all got to see Mary Jo, who came even though she is a hospice patient.

Betty Foley McGlynn celebrated reaching 80 at

a family gathering at her daughter, Maureen's, in Lake Zurich, Ill., in October. "It was the first time all of us had been together in five years. Took a Notre Dame Alumni Association-sponsored tour to sites and sights in the Tuscany and Liguria regions of Italy with my sister, **Mary Foley Gundling '60**, in September. I saw a number of places that have been on my 'to-visit' list, but the one I didn't know I wanted to see was the one that took my breath away more than any others, and that was the Carrara Marble Quarries. Our tour bus snaked up a narrow, winding mountain road toward alpine peaks with large crevasses that appeared to be still full of snow, although it was fall. But it was marble, the same marble that the Romans quarried over 2,000 years ago, the same marble that Michelangelo used for his sculptures, and closer to home, the same marble that graces the large public areas in the Calatrava addition to the Milwaukee Art Museum. After visiting a sculpture studio and learning about the quarries, we were each given a small chunk of sculpture-quality marble to bring home. Even the veins in mine are white," Betty writes.

Joyce McMahon Hank celebrated her 80th in August. "All four families collected in the Twin Cities for a full day of fun and surprises," she writes. "First, we 'played' at the Monahans, who have a pool to enjoy. Then, over they came to our dinner celebration. Everyone brought *something* that reminded them of me, and artfully displayed this collection down the long center of our table (a good 14 feet long). We had paints and canvases, pictures, rocks, stones and shells, horses and dogs, and books ranging from *Winnie the Pooh* to *St. Thomas Aquinas*. And yes, my violin. It was truly amazing. Then, we all went to see the play *Wicked*. I know the day was a real treat for all, not just for me. I am truly blessed by my loving family."

Mary Jean Wallace Paxton and **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** stay busy with the Saint Mary's College Club in San Diego, Calif. Mary Jean gets to most events, "including," she writes, "the book club. Most recently we read, *Pride and Prejudice*. One member who had a whole course in Jane Austen at Saint Mary's, recommended *Mansfield Park*, which I also read." At the December 9 meeting of the club at Lynn's house, "Cookies and news were shared, and alums brought gifts for women and children who are served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Diego. The connection with this group was established through **Sister Ramona Oppenheim '50**, who has since been transferred to the Maryknoll motherhouse in New York. Attendees represented graduating classes from 1952 to 2009." On January 8, **President Carol Ann Mooney '72** and George Effta, Carol's husband, and **Kara O'Leary '89**, director of the College's Alumnae Relations Office, plan to be in San Diego for a Mass and dinner, and update on Saint Mary's College. Lynn plans to share a grace before the dinner at the University of San Diego.

Lynn's Christmas letter was full of news about her many children and grandchildren, including son Anthony's Ph.D. from University of California Berkeley. He is now "a research fellow focusing on climate change and water stress in coastal redwoods and giant sequoias," Lynn writes. She, herself, is enjoying chauffeuring Caleb, her three-year-old doodle, to his various appointments providing therapeutic de-stressing services at the VA hospital, children's centers, hospice, nursing homes, and universities during finals. While visiting Mary and Alex in Oahu, Hawaii, she "took the plunge (again literally) by skydiving—exciting, thrilling, and never again." She writes of being content—to explore beauty in her garden and nature, enjoy family, read by the fire with Caleb cozy at her feet, and spread the good news and blessings to all."

Lynn hosted a get-together with **Toni DiSalle Watkins**, who writes: "Just had a vigorous July. Had visits from children and grandchildren and old friends. When the family was together, we went to San Diego. One afternoon, when the young people went to the beach, they dropped me at Lynn's. We spent a marvelous afternoon catching up. She had a delightful spread for everyone when they returned from surfing, and gave us all a tour of her beautiful backyard. What a treat!" This was a "banner year" for the Watkins family, Toni writes: "Two high school graduations, Curtis and Luke, and Doug's retirement from the Air Force (he started as a civilian contractor in November)." Celebrating her 80th with her family at daughter Maureen's new home in Sacramento, Calif., filled her heart with joy. Maureen is teaching law at McGeorge Law School. "Di and Chris are still in San Jose and are doing well. Kyle is in law school at University of California Davis. Mike and I enjoy the Arizona sunshine."

Nancy Ahlforth Steele writes: "I had a great 80th birthday in May with a weekend trip to a cooking school with the women in my family, followed by a party, which most of my children attended, even the ones from back East. They made a DVD of my life, which we played, made a special dinner for me and some close friends, and showered me with love in the form of a gift box with scrolls inside that each had contributed to with memories of things they most remembered about nice things I had done for them. My cup ran over for sure. I am back to good health after a reaction to a prescription drug. It took the most part of this last year to feel right again, but I am feeling well now. I see **Toni DiSalle Watkins** several times a year when she visits her daughter, Diane. No big travel plans in the near future."

Liz Werres Ravenscroft writes that she regrets being out of touch, and writes to catch us up on her life: "As you know, Ian and I decided to retire in Seattle, where we're near both daughters, and we've found a delightful retirement community that we are thoroughly enjoying. We do miss our relatives and friends in the Washington, D.C., area, but have made some great new friends here, and certainly the place and accommodations are super. We are located right next to a mall, the public library, a 12-theater movie complex, and many restaurants and shops, both in-and-out of the mall itself. We have trans-

portation provided for most things, a movie theater here in the building (with the movies able to be shown on our TV as well), a lovely décor, and a good restaurant that is frequented by the public as well as by the residents. Plenty of activities and outdoor walking areas are available as well. No assigned meals or tables, so we mix at will, and the staff is outstanding.

"I haven't really had a chance to look up **Maureen Dotsch Powers** yet, so you can see we have been kept busy. I'm hoping **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** may be able to come up once the spring arrives.

"The great Northwest is very environmentally conscious, as the surroundings really make you aware of all. I personally love the summers here as the D.C. summer weather has always been frightful.

"Our parish has a woman pastor. Needless to say she is called the 'parish administrator,' but she is on the altar with the 'parish priest minister' every Mass, gives the homily every other Sunday, makes most of the announcements, and gets along beautifully with Father Tony, who is also a canon lawyer and works in the chancery downtown. He's likewise, a blessing to us all. Victoria (which is how she's addressed) is a married theology Ph.D., has a daughter in law school, and a married son with a new baby, so she's a new grandmother as well. The parish has a wonderful liturgy, and lay people do so much of all the jobs. No wonder we love it.

"I am still on my electric scooter, have not run over—or into—anyone so far, and haven't been cited for speeding. I get around, and every place seems to have accommodations for the handicapped, so we do fine. I still have trouble with my eyes: AMD in the left and possibly the beginning of glaucoma in the right, so my reading is limited, but I love books on tape, and although my writing can't stay on the line, I manage. Ian's memory is going and he has heart problems, but things are well taken care of here, and we're grateful for all of it.

"We have guest suites available, so anyone who may want to stop is more than welcome. So are emails."

Margo Anderson Ahrens lost her husband, Peter, on June 4, in Madison, after a very long and difficult illness. **Mary Jo Struett Bowman** writes, "Margo was a devoted caregiver, but to take advantage of the time the past years, she has been writing books. *Out*

of Nowhere is at the printers now."

Joey writes about Peter's death: "Sadly, we were in Door County at the time of his funeral. My son, Bryan, and his wife attended the funeral Mass and luncheon afterwards. He said it was a memorable celebration. But late last summer, I had lunch with Margo. Of course, we reminisced about our days at Saint Mary's and shared family news. Margo has received much support from her family after Peter's death. In January, she plans to spend three weeks in Naples, where she and Peter stayed for many years." Joey and Mac are in Englewood, Fla., through the winter until May.

Their youngest son and his family are living in San Miguel Allende, Mexico, for a year, so she and Mac may fly down for a short visit in the spring. "The 7,000-foot altitude is a little daunting, but we think we can adjust to that. We hope to attend a small gathering in Lakeside, Mich., this summer and will again spend an afternoon on Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame campuses, which is always special for us."

Sister Grace Shonk CSC's Christmas card includes a note that reads, "All is well with me and I remain in ministry at school."

The 80th birthday celebrations continue into 2011. Please tell me of anything special you may plan to celebrate yours. **Dor Murnane McMahon** will celebrate her 80th in February, in Hawaii. We can look forward to hearing about Lynn's celebration. What can follow her skydiving 2010 adventure?

My 80th will be in April, 2011, and I'll think of something to do to celebrate. There's so much to do just living in Chicago. I catch the bus downtown right outside my apartment, attend the Lyric Opera, the Chicago Symphony, and plays (with **Marie Galoney**, my frequent companion) *The Messiah* on a Sunday afternoon before Christmas. It will be hard to find something better than the two weeks I spent in France in September, on a Viking River Cruise out of Lyon, up the Saone to Beaune, and down the Rhone to Arles. Post-cruise, I rendezvoused in Lyon with two maternal cousins. (We discovered our connection through Ancestry.com.) I followed with five days in Paris, including a visit to 140 Rue de Bac, where the uncorrupted body of St. Catherine Labouré lies in the Miraculous Medal Apparition Chapel. Cluny—the abbey in Burgundy, and the museum in Paris (the Lady and the



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Unicorn tapestries are there), fascinated me. Addictions make life more interesting: orchids; my iPad, where I can download and read books, watch movies, read email, and many other things; my Apple TV, which allows me to stream Netflix directly to my TV.

Just as being 80 seems a milestone, the death of Saint Mary's Dr. Bruno Schlesinger in September, at the age of 99, was another. He made a great impression on many of us, I know. I enrolled in all the classes he taught—art history, English history, and current events. After graduation, as a scholastic in the Holy Cross order, I took classes in his new Christian Culture major. A wonderful course in Christian archaeology laid a foundation for my later visits to Rome, Greece, and Israel. I still have many books by Christopher Dawson, his favorite historian, and while I was in France in September, I remembered that Bruno referring lovingly to France as “the eldest daughter of the Church.” He was **Joey Bryan MacDonald's** favorite

teacher: “I’ve never forgotten what I learned from him,” she says. “As much as I loved science and chose that degree, he pulled my heart in the direction of liberal arts.” Thank you, Bruno, from all of us.

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Judy Jones Sullivan called to tell of **Marianna Marcucci Hassett's** death on October 13, in Clearwater, Fla. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Jim and their children. Mike and Jim had been married for 56 years. A knee replacement is on Judy's calendar

for January. She and Dick spent time this summer in Dixon (for her high school reunion) and visiting relatives in Colorado.

“My news is about my family,” writes **Anne Feldpausch Hubert**. “All eight children visited me this past year and I am looking forward to a visit in February, when my four daughters, four of my granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter are going to visit me for a week all at the same time. The family welcomed my ninth great-grandchild this year, and another is due to arrive in May.”

When **Cathy Wilson Opper** visits Jim and **Liz Kiley Wilson**, she finds they are truly amazing. “The words ‘awesome’ and ‘remarkable’ come to mind,” she writes. “Liz is amazingly forward oriented and she and Jim are living out their roles with dignity, grace, style, and love.”

A highlight of the past year for **Jane Flynn Carroll** was attending a performance of *Billy Elliott* with

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Hollye Harrington Jacobs' '93 blog about her journey after her breast cancer diagnosis is being published by the Huffington Post in their Health Section. The blog can be found at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/hollye-harrington-jacobs>.

Dr. Angela Maynard Sewall '68, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Arkansas, was recently elected to serve as a board member of, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Teresa McNamara Wahlert '70 has been appointed by Iowa Governor Elect Terry Branstad to lead the Iowa Workforce Development, an agency key to helping laid-off workers find new jobs. Wahlert formerly led Mid-America Group, a West Des Moines development company, after working for Qwest Communications for 32 years.

Mitzi Furtula Watts '58 has achieved numerous awards and accolades for her decades of volunteerism and interest in the arts. Watts, a master gardener, founded a program which taught handicapped individuals the skills of working in a nursery or florist. The program has been used as a prototype for a similar government program and has been self-sustaining since 1994. She received a Silver medal and the Laureate Award from the Association Merite et Devouement Francaise, Paris, for her work.

Watts has had solo and group art exhibits around the world and one of her pieces was featured on the cover of *Art Gallery* magazine in 1973. For her Paris Gran Salon exhibit and her involvement through the years, she was awarded the Gold medal and the Laureate Award from the Societe Academique D'Education et D'Encouragement. She is a Texas Board of Architects licensed interior designer, was vice president of the Texas Arts Association, Austin, founded the San Marcos Art Association, and was chair of the Arkansas Arts Center.

Michigan Super Lawyers magazine recently named **Christine D. Oldani '72** to its 2010 list of “Super Lawyers.” The designation is based on statewide balloting by Michigan attorneys, research by the publisher, and a peer review process. Those named to the list represent only five percent of the state's licensed practitioners.

Lucia Anna “Pia” Trigiani '80 was sworn in as president of the Virginia Bar Association on Saturday, January 23, 2011. Trigiani is the third woman to hold the post in the history of the Virginia Bar Association. Trigiani, a real estate attorney and founding member of the Mercer Trigiani law firm, is a leading authority on common interest ownership associations. At the

swearing in were her mother, Ida Trigiani, and four of her six siblings including **Antonia Trigiani '82**, **Francesca Trigiani Noone '88**, and **Adriana Trigiani '81**.

Bethany Mackin Baxter '61 released her first novel, *Two Sons* on January 20, 2011. The novel is available on Amazon.com and will be available in bookstores in March.

Catholic Charities USA, the 100-year-old social service network working to reduce poverty in America, has presented its Centennial Medal to **Kathleen Flynn Fox '74** of Naples, FL, and Plymouth, IN. Her volunteer service at local Catholic Charities agencies and on the Catholic Charities USA Board of Trustees exemplifies her commitment to the vision and mission of Catholic Charities USA.

Fox's medal is a testament to over 30 years of dedicated service and advocacy on behalf of those most in need. Since 1980, she has been an avid volunteer working directly with children, promoting children's literacy, and supporting programs that help those with special needs. Since 2005, she has volunteered weekly at a literacy program for Head Start Children in Collier County, FL, working with families who do not speak English.

U.S. Army Captain and Purple Heart recipient **Sarah Rykowski '03** spoke at Saint Mary's College on Veteran's Day. Rykowski is a member of the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). Rykowski is a trial counsel and claims attorney.

Susan Williams Taylor '65 was named Deputy Chief Procurement Officer for the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs. In this Senior Executive Service position with the Federal Government, she has responsibility for overseeing approximately \$13 billion in annual contract awards to support veteran health care at 153 veteran hospitals and 1,033 veteran outpatient clinics and centers nationwide.

Donna Sisson Rozman '76 exhibited a piece in the emerging artists exhibition at the International Ceramic Magazine Editors Conference in Fuping, China. Rozman also gave one of the lectures at the conference. She's also had an artist residency in Hungary and served on the board of the National Council of Education of the Ceramic Arts (NCECA).

Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici '78 was elected in November '10 as the St. Joseph County, Indiana Assessor. Her term began in January '11 in South Bend, IN. Mandrici is the first woman to hold the position in the county.

her three daughters and their three daughters in July, and then walking to Millennium Park for dinner in its outdoor cafe. The park is a "must visit" for any tourist. "I really do love the city," Jane says. For **Lois Langford Berry**, the canonization of Brother Andre was a trip of a lifetime. She and Bill received an unimaginable invitation to go to Rome for the canonization of Brother Andre Besette of the Canadian CSC Province. The pilgrimage was led by Father Ed Obermiller and Father Bill Beauchamp. The tour included many beautiful Italian churches such as the Basilica of St. Mary Major and the Papal Basilica of St. Peter. Of course, the most impressive event was the canonization ceremony and Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Square as well as the Mass of Thanksgiving at Santi Andrea della Valle, and an English Mass at Santa Susanna. "Our group grew close. We enjoyed being with CSC priests who have guided us and assisted us in our faith. It was fun, it was faith filled, and it was hopeful."

A big moment for **Margaret Keller Howells** this year was the graduation of her granddaughter, Cassie, from Boston College, in nursing. All the family was together to celebrate. Cassie requested to work at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia on the pediatric intensive care unit. Margaret is still enjoying her life at Riderwood Retirement Community, and is happy she made the move. Traffic in Virginia and Washington, D.C., has increased so much, and she is only seven miles from son Bill.

Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi and Art have two sons just re-elected to office in November. The oldest is a county board member, and the youngest, an Illinois state senator. Art and Mary Beth worked hard on the campaigns, and she notes that this was a tough year to be a Democrat. Their daughter from Tucson recently completed the Kona Ironman Triathlon, which is quite a feat. The Wilhelms have 19 grandchildren spread over four states, and two great-grandchildren to be added soon, which is also quite a feat.

"I've little news," says **Nancy Gibbon Ross**, "except that all my large family had a reunion at Bethany Beach, Del., as we try to do every other year. In July, there were about 38 of us for a few hours. I'm still traveling, but haven't been to Europe in two years. Friends and I take cruises, especially enjoying those requiring no flying to port."

"Hearing from so many dear Saint Mary's College friends added to my Christmas bliss," says **Rody Oppenheim Dilenschneider**. Just before Christmas, she had a wonderful telephone chat with the ever-"Christmassy" **Liz Kiley Wilson**, and she joyfully reconnected with **Gloria Kennedy Hermann**. They're planning to get together in Louisville when Rody visits her daughter, **Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87**.

After four days of a glorious holiday with family, Rody says she's completely exhausted—and exhilarated—so she and Jack will recoup and hibernate until spring, when they'll go to Tucson to celebrate **Sister Marita's '43** 90th birthday with all my brethren (and "sistern"). In mid-July, they go to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Shaw Festival, and in mid-August, to Canada—to Stratford—for the Shakespeare Festival. So, if anyone is going to either place at the cited times, let them know and they'll meet for dinner or whatever.

Bev Bierbusse Campbell and Paul spent much of 2010 traveling: wedding of grandson, Bev's high school reunion, Notre Dame game, Shaw Festival, Atlanta for Thanksgiving, and finally, at home for a family dinner in Cleveland. Paul and Bev are still involved with ministries for the homeless and the terminally ill.

Liz Kiley Wilson's family again had a reunion in northern Wisconsin. She and Jim keep busy attend-

ing grandchildren's important events. Their youngest is 20-months old and the oldest graduates from high school in May.

Bernice Boucher Hopp says downsizing is not a simple undertaking. She and Jim have moved into a retirement center cottage (2735A Marquette Manor West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268; phone (317) 875-1082; email Jim-Bernice@att.net).

Marlene Gaubinger McGinn spent the month of October in South Bend, Ind., attending two home games and a memorial Mass for John's brother. Family events are on her agenda: a camping weekend in north Florida in January and the annual fishing tournament in May.

After a couple of months of "burnout," **Sister Jo Lucker, MM** is working part time in the Maryknoll, N.Y., office. **Joan Rossi** and **Midge Myler Russo** spent an afternoon visiting with her before their Mediterranean cruise.

Peg Tiernan Sheehan writes of her nine grandchildren and how much fun it is to have them visit. Instead of knowing their (and her children's) ages, she knows the year they were born and counts on her fingers to come up with their ages. She's hoping we all do the same.

Rose Marie Murphy Foley also writes of her grandchildren, ages one to 23. **Joan Rossi** again joined Murph and Ben on their annual trip to the Shaw Festival over Labor Day weekend.

Need a suggestion to improve your golf game? After recovering from a double fracture of her shoulder, **Mary Schmitz Bartley** was back on the golf course several months later playing better golf than she has in years. She continues to volunteer at the library's book resale shop and was chairman of a women members' major golf tournament.

A conversation with **Sue Hartmann** mentioned **Rosie Gohmann Szumilas's** move to Columbia, S.C. Sue says she sees **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** once or twice a year. Mary Fran spent Thanksgiving in New Orleans and Christmas in Washington, D.C., both with family.

Pat McAndrews Piiger and Rick have moved into a retirement home in South Bend (Sanctuary at St. Paul's, 3602 S. Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN 46614).

Happy New Year to you all—even those I didn't hear from—or should I say happy spring.

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Christmas this year brought more than the usual cards. I heard from **Orlean Bick McAuliffe**, **Phyllis Joseph Shamoun**, **Gretchen Daschbach Shilts**, **Julia Gibbons Revane**, and **Lucy Connolly Ohlrich**. **Joanne Griffith McGrath** writes on her card that she is looking forward to our 55th Reunion in June, as I hope all of you are. **Loret Coverley Miller** called from Maryland, leaving a nice message on my answering machine.

Maryjeanne Ryan Burke calls whenever she is in Chicago. She has been in touch with **Jo Ann Nichols Landman**. Jo Ann keeps up with her Saint Mary's roomie, **Katie Dailey Ronan**, in Dallas. Hopefully, the Dallas contingent will come for reunion. That would include Katie and **Pat Brown O'Brien**.

I had a long note from Lisa Gleason Sattler in Onokama, Mich. Lisa is the daughter of our classmate and friend, **Marge Hempel Gallagher**. Lisa says she would love to come to reunion to represent her mom, as she did on our 50th.

Although there are many of you that have not been in contact with me, I am hoping you will all try to come and celebrate our 55th. Please let me know any ideas you may have regarding reunion.

Please note my address change at the top. I am no longer in Arizona.

'58

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Surrounded by the remnants of a very busy and happy Christmas with all my children, spouses, and grandchildren with me, I send greetings to all of you. First off, my husband, Bob Molenda, died July 26. He had a tough last few years, but we managed a gala 90th birthday party for him 10 days before he died. All my children and grandchildren were with me for the funeral, which was a great support.

God works in wondrous ways. As I was greeting friends at Bob's wake, I couldn't believe my eyes. There stood **Sistie Doherty McEnery**. She and Gene were in South Bend, Ind., to see their son-in-law, Dr. Al Harding, **Mary McEnery Harding's** husband, because Gene had taken a fall when they were at a dude ranch and he needed x-rays. Sistie knew Bob was ill and looked in the *South Bend Tribune*, saw his obituary, and called the newspaper to get directions to the funeral home. It was a wonderful surprise and consoling.

Ellen Canny Werner wrote me a lovely note from her winter home in Naples, Fla. After expressing sympathy, she writes that her husband, Jim, is not well. "I have three sisters and one brother who are so supportive. We just live life one day at a time, and most days are good ones," she writes.

Pat Hurley McMahon sent a beautiful Christmas card and sympathy note. She and John have health issues, but they looked great in their photo. John has retired, but Pat is still teaching art during the spring and fall semesters and "staging" their home, just like HGTV, to sell it for a smaller house or villa on one floor.

On September 2, 2010, Professor Bruno Schlesinger died in California at age 99. I was dealing with my husband's failing health at the time, and I regret I never had a chance to say goodbye to Bruno and Alice before they moved. Through so many years, Bruno was an inspiration to his students and we loved and revered him. He exposed us to the brilliant Catholic English historian, Christopher Dawson, through Dawson's own writings and primary texts that supported Dawson and his conclusion that "religion is the vital formative element in any higher culture." We studied not only Roman Catholicism, but also the classical world of Greece and Rome, the barbarian invasions and conversions to Christianity, and the Byzantine Empire and the beginnings of the Muslim invasions and empires.

Bruno enlisted me to write a comprehensive article on Dawson and Saint Mary's for the *Courier* summer 2005 issue. Bruno was very pleased with my commentary, but the *Courier* only had space for a brief version. I have the original, and if anyone wants a copy, I'll ask Saint Mary's to send you one. Bruno was a life enhancer for his students, and we will remember him always.

Condolences can be sent to: Alice Schlesinger, 2802 Miradero Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Paula Lawton Bevington and I attended the prayer service for Bruno on September 22, 2010, in Regina Chapel, and Paula read Luke 20:37-38, which

affirms we will all rise from the dead to be with God. Retired Professor Gail Mandell gave the eulogy, and Bruno and Alice's son, Tom, greeted the congregation and gave a brief public tribute to his parents.

Paula sent me a copy of a grateful letter from Molly Kathleen Dunne Class of 2013 of Lansing, Ill., who is a recipient of the Class of 1958 Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC, Memorial Scholarship. Molly is a sophomore at Saint Mary's and a passionate Humanistic Studies major (a.k.a. Christian Culture). She loves the books she is reading and "learning about different people, cultures, and art," she says.

Sue Lipetska Cierznak alerted me to the news that **Nancy Schwind Gallagher** needs prayers. Nancy's husband, Don, died in November, 2010, after a long stay in a nursing home. Nancy broke her hip while Don was in the nursing facility, and until Don's death, she was in the same room with him. For those who want to send condolences, her address is: 2307 Prospect, Unit B, Peru, IL 61354.

Meg Droege Haney and I spent a lovely afternoon with perfect weather at the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Mich., in October. Meg is remarkable as always with her insights and interests, and her appreciation of art.

Hannah Storen Kreps and her husband, Bill Kreps, sent a delightful picture of themselves surrounded by family in Williamsburg, Va. It was the first time Hannah's children, spouses, and "grands" had been together since she and Bill were married seven years ago. Thank you, Hannah, for your words of condolence.

Joan Renehan Thompson and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their whole family at the Del Coronado Hotel in San Diego, over Thanksgiving weekend. The children staged a re-creation of the 1960s with clothes, hats, food, music, posters, and cocktails. Joan wants us to remember the Lipton Onion Soup mix dip for the potato chips, tuna casserole, and Jello mold and ham with pineapple and cherries. Joan wore a crown for the picture, and I must say the cocktail dresses and hats and fur stole looked very stylish.

Joan wrote to say **Bert Massey Platten** hosted Joan, **Kay O'Meara Walper**, **Sue Corcoran Griffin**, **Barb Shimanski Leahy**, and **Maggie Casey Phillips** last summer at her home on Lake Huron. Joan also stayed two days with Kay.

Sally Teppert wrote a letter filled with a recap of a wonderful couple of days she spent in South Bend, Ind., at **Kathryn Kramper Massey's** home. **Carolyn Sidley Martin**, **Ann Burns Hendricks**, **Helen Patton**, and **Mary Corbett Kerby** made up the rest of the group. Kathryn had a delicious "welcome home" dinner for the group the first night.

They stayed up and shared stories, and the next day, went to Saint Mary's campus for a wonderful tour led by Danae Rashelle Jimenez, Class of '12, which included four volumes displayed in the Cushwa-Leighton Library of the magnificent handwritten copy of *The Saint John's Bible* being done in a scriptorium in Wales. Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn., commissioned the works of art, and the completed project will include all 73 books from the Old and New Testament in seven volumes. This is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible of monumental size, to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years.

Sally and the rest of the group had lunch in the Student Center's dining hall and took a quick tour of Notre Dame, later having dinner in Stapleton Lounge, complete with a PowerPoint presentation of Professor Susan Vance on "Women in the Business Field," especially the aspect of small business.

Jane Eyerly Kozuszek emailed me to say in Octo-

ber, 2010, her 38-year-old daughter, Carey, had a successful liver transplant from a live donor at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Ariz., one of the few places in the country where a person with cholangitis and bile duct cancer could be considered for a transplant. Jane referred to the gift of the liver as "fantastic and life-giving." The bile duct cancer is eradicated, and both the donor and Carey are doing well. Jane wants each of us to consider organ donation and sign appropriate papers because so many people die while waiting for an organ.

Martie Slavin Fogarty came north in October for a reunion with students she had taught and she, **Joanie Drymalski Heuel**, **Kay Duffy O'Leary**, **Patti Rogan Beckman**, **Sally Hultkrans Callahan**, **Mary Mulflur Blake**, **Sistie Doherty McEnergy**, and I had lunch in Chicago. **Marilyn Miller Lyon**, who married Ernest Waud III in November of 2009, was scheduled to join us, but a houseguest became ill and she had to cancel. Marilyn and her husband split their time between Lake Forest and Naples, Florida.

Sistie Doherty McEnergy and her husband, Gene, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in West Baden (French Lick), Ind., with their children, spouses, and grandchildren. The Christmas card with all the McEnergy family is a "mood booster." What a good-looking, happy group.

Sistie and Gene had dinner two different evenings in Chicago with **Mary Husted Bottom**. Mary and a friend had just finished a trip around the Great Lakes, and Sistie said Mary is great.

Sistie gave us news of **Pat Kinney Doyle**. Pat is fine, and she and her husband, Tommy, have two grandchildren at Notre Dame: one a senior and one a freshman.

Sally Hultkrans Callahan said she and Jack have grandchildren ages five to 22, and spend three months in Naples, Fla. They also ski in Colorado, although she hinted they might move on to snowshoes.

Martie Slavin Fogarty and Mike spent August and much of September at their cabin in Spooner, Wis., and this time, they drove with their Irish wolfhound, Kate, from their home in Florida, so it was quite an adventure. They stopped to tour the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Ill., en route.

Joanie Drymalski Heuel said she is substitute teaching at her parish school, St. Margaret Mary's, everything from preschool to eighth grade. She had a fun trip visiting **Karin Moore Beckert** at her winter home in Charleston, S.C., last March. Summers find Karin in upstate New York. Joanie said **Pat Costello** was headed to Amman, Jordan, to visit her niece.

Other news via Joanie: **Elaine Freitas DiGiulio** is doing well in Petaluma, Calif.; **Gretchen Wiedemann O'Loughlin** has been spending time at her daughter's new summer home in New Buffalo, Mich.

Kay Duffy O'Leary reports that her husband, George, is doing well after heart surgery in December of 2009. They enjoy their six grandchildren, two in Denver, Colo., and four in the Chicago area. Their son, Mike, also lives in Chicago, and their son, George, lives in Daytona, Fla. Visits to family fill Kay and George's travel schedules at this point, but Kay adds she is always happy to see Saint Mary's College friends.

Mary Mulflur Blake looked so pretty at lunch, and I was glad she could come. Her husband, George, is not well.

Patti Rogan Beckman had just spent time with her daughter, Susie, and family, in New York. Patti and Fred keep busy with their 12 grandchildren, including Susie's twins who are two years old, and her eight-month-old baby boy.

I have been emailing **Ann Harris Mohun** about the death of Bruno Schlesinger and the possibility

of her joining me in Rome in March, 2011, when I will be visiting with a Notre Dame group. We haven't worked it out yet, but I am hopeful.

To start the Christmas Season, Sistie and I had a dance at the Junior League Holiday Ball in South Bend, Ind., where her granddaughter, Elle Harding, and my granddaughter, Mary Voelker, were flower girls at the ball. What fun.

A Blessed New Year to all.

'60

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I begin on a sad note. Shortly after reunion, **Pat Miller Witt** wrote that **Jill Rentschler** died on June 29, 2010, after a short fight against brain cancer. She had planned to come to reunion, but God had other plans for her. She had visited Pat in Florida, in March, and later, her four children and their families joined her in Ohio for Easter. Jill retired in 1993 as a social worker with the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services.

Elaine Van Etten Cassidy sends her thanks for all the prayers and supportive messages she has received as she recovers from heart surgery. Her recovery has been so much more successful because of you. Your thoughtfulness has made her feel stronger and better each day and she is looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you.

Sorry, news is really short this time. Reminder: it is only four years until our next reunion.

As you read this it is spring, thank God, but I am writing just before Christmas and went to Mass at Loretto on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Since students were on Christmas break, the assembly was small, including primarily the retired sisters and the novices. Whenever I am part of this Mass, I am moved by the realization of how many sisters gave their lives to the education of Saint Mary's students—including us, of course. I am so thankful they chose to be our educators. Sister Joanice was there with her usual smile and we had a brief visit after Mass. She told me we are all in her prayers, so please don't forget her in yours. The quiet campus was sparkling with new-fallen snow, and I could not help but remember how many times we had trudged through the snow along those paths (and look where our paths have brought us in 51 short years). Even now, I am sure you can remember the beauty of that special place.

'62

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Happy New Year Classmates of '62. I received a Christmas card/note from **Mary Anne Balles Bland** to let me know that **Mary Margaret Boesen** had a triple bypass last fall at Rush Hospital and was in rehab for several weeks because she developed an infection and was in-and-out of the hospital. Her cousin sent an email to Mary Anne saying that Mary Margaret was back home and doing well. (I did not receive a card from Mary Margaret this year, so I have not heard from her personally.) I wish her healing and good health and would like to ask classmates

CLASSCLIPS



Members of the class of 1962 celebrated their 70th birthdays in Chicago! Pictured left to right: Mary Irene Scanlan Doran, Kathy O'Boyle Kearney, Babs Herbstritt Ward, Sheila Higgins Botti, Ginger Shay Murphy, Julie Nash Burke, Ginny Lynch Collins, Carol Morrisrice Showel, Joan Roddewig Geary, Maureen Sullivan Sheehy

to offer prayers and blessings for Mary Margaret as well. She has had her share of surgeries in the past, and has come through all of them well.

Our 50th Class Reunion (May 31–June 3, 2012) is in the planning stages by a GREAT group of our dedicated classmates: **Ginny Lynch Collins, Joan Roddewig Geary, and Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett** (that I know of). Circle these dates on your calendar or whatever you use to keep you informed of important dates and plan to BE THERE to CELEBRATE 50 years of living and sharing our lives since we left Saint Mary's in 1962. We were well prepared for whatever life gave us/inspired us to do these past 50 years. We are truly blessed to have spent our time at Saint Mary's making lasting friendships, learning about life, and preparing for careers from wonderful professors/teachers and religious mentors.

I am still looking for any news from classmates. Please send news to me at the address above this column. Life is good at the Beaudoin house. Four children/spouses, eight grandchildren (17 years old to 17 months old), plus ninth due in February keep us busy, but we are happy to spend time with them whenever we can. Jean and I took a wonderful trip this fall to Eastern Canada. We visited Beaudoin cousins in Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City areas, then toured Maritime Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia–Cape Breton Island, returning to the U.S. and New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, in spectacular fall color on our return to Wisconsin. Peace, Blessings, and Love in 2011.

From the Courier: Anne Tobin writes: "After 19 years as program director of WIC Program (Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Assessment and Assistance Program) at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, I retired in December, 2009. The program grew steadily under my direction from 1,200 young mothers, their infants, and young children to more than 4,200. I left with a deep sense of satisfaction and appreciation for the opportunity I had over several years to make a difference in the lives of so many low-income families, many of whom were new immigrants coming to the U.S. seeking the opportunity to provide better lives for their children. During that time, I also had the opportunity to serve four years as chair of the Mayor's Hunger Commission for the City of Boston. Not one to sit at home content to be retired, I am very active on the board of directors of the Cooperative Building where I live, and board of the Fenway Community Development

Corporation with our mission of creating affordable housing opportunities for low- and mixed-income families. Now in these wonderful summer months, I enjoy growing fresh vegetables and herbs in a plot in our community garden. All the gardeners also participate in Boston's 'Plant a row for Haiti' ongoing relief effort. I also 'have come home' to my creative writing and recently was selected to participate in University of Massachusetts Boston's Joiner Institute (for the study of war and its social consequences). It was started in the late sixties by a group of writers, who were also returning Vietnam veterans. This year, the Institute welcomed Iraqi vets, both men

and women, who can now work with the Vietnam veterans to use their writing to process and reintegrate into their civilian lives. It was a profound privilege to spend two weeks with them as both Institute faculty and fellow students. As I write this, the Goodyear Blimp, which broadcasts the Boston Red Sox home games, is circling over my building, and from my window I can see Fenway Park, and a bit by default, have become once again the avid fan I was as a child, growing up in the days of Ted Williams. I hope to see many of my classmates for our 50th Reunion in 2012." (Anne M. Tobin, 73 Hemenway St., #405, Boston, MA 02115, (617) 262-2797, email: annetobin@rcn.com)

'64

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January 1, 2011 looks rather auspicious. I am writing this on a perfectly frigid, blue-sky, New Year's morning, and you are reading this three months later (have you kept your resolutions?).

A group of us have celebrated together our "big" birthdays: 30, 40, 50, 60, and 65, and this year, since every year becomes "special," we celebrated our 67th at the Michigan Dunes in September. It was **Nancy Drew Sheehan's** birthday that weekend. The good news to report was that **Sis Reynolds McBride, Linda Camiller Sanderson, and Sue Shalgos Wolsfeld**, all look fabulous and have won their bouts with cancer. **Joan Marks Houck** divides her year into Colorado for six months and New Zealand

for six months while using her time to help in both parishes. **Theida McDermott Dillon** heads up the organization of Big Brothers Big Sisters for Northern Ohio. **Mary Kay Brady Turner** commutes between Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Washington, D.C. She is still involved in peace efforts in the Holy Land with schools and job opportunities for the Christian Palestinians. This year, she traveled to China and Mongolia with John for work and to the *Passion Play* in Oberammergau and Danube with her family. **Bobbye Borchers Flecker** needed a new roof, so she cleaned out her attic all fall so her children would not have to do that later. Then, she rewarded herself with travels to all the Flecker children's homes, plus she entered the 21st Century with two HDTVs (one for the kitchen, one for the family room).

Ellen Brown McBride's 16th (and final) grandchild is scheduled to arrive in February. She and Jerry go to Naples, Fla., in the winter. Ellen went back to help out at her old job (as hospital chaplain) and was energized and fulfilled, but did not regret her choice to retire. **Karen Mortimer Williams** has a new series of paintings and had a solo art show in Evanston, Ill., in February. **Carole Barskis Weber** has been active in The League of Women Voters, organizing debates and a mock election at the local high school. She is in her second year of cello lessons, "Yo-Yo Ma, I'm not, but it's wonderful for the body and soul," she says. Gavin, her first grandchild, was born in July, "so, you grandmother friends of mine were totally right," she says. **Jean Canizaro Enochs** wrote that **Linda Camiller Sanderson** and Mike are going to visit her, first to New Orleans, then to Mississippi. **Sue Badalucco Gerhard** and John are arriving later. Jean will surely take them out to her pecan grove. **Pat Powers Gowdy** had a very clever 12 Days of Christmas card celebrating each number with children, grandchildren, and trips and mentioned our 50th Reunion (are we *that* old?). **Marty Thompson Coe** and Charlie are now going to videograph some of their marriage encounter programs to reach more of the younger couples who do not have the time to read. **Jinx Hack Ring** is in Paris with Peter, who is teaching until July.

Sis Reynolds McBride has responded to several of the Red Cross emergencies and traveled to help.

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Members of the Class of '64 pictured front row, left to right: Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer, Mary Ann Curnes Fuller, "T" McDermott Dillon, Nancy Larry Mascotte, Sis Reynolds McBride, Becky Borchers Brown, Bobbye Borchers Flecker, Anne Froning Laboe, Margie Carroll Flynn, Jean Canizaro Enochs, Cathy Ronan Macdonald, Mary Kay Flynn Bowling, Mary Whealen Burd. Back row, left to right: Nancy Sheehan, Carole Barskis Weber, Patty Malone Nathe, Ellen Brown McBride, Karen Mortimer Williams, Jinx Hack Ring, Kathy Podesta Mehigan, Angie Braunstein Maher, Sue Badalucco Gerhard, Linda Camiller Sanderson, Kathy Roeder, Joanne Casellini Kelly, Joan Marks Houck, Marty Thompson Coe. There but not seen: Mary Ann Woods Baer, Carol Cronin Moran and Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld.

She and her husband, Tom, are off to Naples, Fla., for a couple months.

In trying to reach out and have you ladies thinking about our 50th Reunion, I asked if you knew anyone who had articulated with us and either left or was "lost." I had an amazing email from **Susanna Hayes**, who left Saint Mary's her junior year. Both of us went off to Loyola University in Rome. I returned to Saint Mary's, and she graduated from Loyola in Chicago. In 1964, she began a lifelong commitment to teaching Native Americans, first at a boarding school in Washington for four years, then graduate school at the University of Arizona for a master's degree in counseling, followed by a Ph.D. in 1973 from the University of Michigan. Then, she returned to Colville Reservation. She took a position as school counselor in the village of Nespelem, taught graduate counseling at Gonzaga, and supervised students doing school-based internships. Finally, she took a faculty position as a professor of psychology at Western Washington University (WWU). Susanna "retired" after 30 years of teaching there, but "that really was a career change, not retirement," she says. She was invited to Loyola in Rome as a visiting professor, loved it very much, but felt that she needed to return to the Colville Reservation because she had the experience and could really help. She is thrilled that several of students at Lake Roosevelt High in Coulee dam have received Gates Memorial Scholarships for a full college program.

A few additional notes: Jinx found **Mary Pat Sanford Smith** in Sedona, Ariz. **Kathie Menzie Lesko** is ready to publish her recent research; her politician son in New York, Mark, was recognized for leading the way to bipartisanism. In February, I am staying at **Nancy Drew Sheehan's** in Naples with **Susan Aschauer Ozdaga**. Sadly, Susan's husband passed away this past year. **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** and I are on the Chicago Historical Society Board plus we see each other socially. She and Bill have just been to China.

Kathy Roeder, our doctor, received the Trocaire Award for Healthcare at her 50th high school reunion. Kathy's remarks were impressive and some I am sharing: "I was informed and in the process, I was formed." "I listened, I learned, and I grew." "I chose medicine with its varied and multiple ways to make a difference. This choice has fared me well." "I spent a lifetime in an emergency department, seeing humanity at its most vulnerable and so damaged." Kathy is leaving soon to go on a Mennonite medical mission to Honduras. She already has been to Peru, Jamaica, Guatemala, and Honduras before, Haiti, Kenya, and Ecuador.

If you have news or are able to locate a classmate, please email me. If you are at peace, let it radiate and touch our inner circles and reach out to those on the fringes.

Peace, love, joy, enjoy, and Happy 2011.

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Our 45th Reunion looms in the near future, that is the first weekend in June. In a delightful phone conversation with **Liz Bermingham Lacy**, we discussed the need to encourage all graduates of the Class of 1966 to put their lives on hold and save that weekend in June to revisit the campus of their youth. No need for last minute face lifts or massive reduction in the thighs, this June should find all graduates

of 1966 in wonderful South Bend, Ind.

Liz will complete her two-year term as president of the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors. As president, Liz welcomed other alumnae as they returned to campus for their reunions. Liz encouraged our classmates to consider serving on the board of the Alumnae Association for the '60s decade.

Back in Virginia, Liz took senior status with the Virginia Supreme Court in August, 2007. She now sits with the court regularly, but with a reduced caseload. Her true love comes from teaching a class at the University of Richmond Law School. This barrister is also a licensed mediator associated with The McCammon Group in Richmond.

Liz has two sons and one daughter-in-law who followed her path into law. As for the future, Liz hopes that her two granddaughters, both three years old, follow her to Saint Mary's. I loved her comment about pink being her new favorite color. She is also grandmother to two grandsons, ages 7 and 1. Three of the four grandchildren live in Richmond. After filling her time with her lawyer and grandmother responsibilities, Liz would like to find time to lower her golf handicap. **Judith Spinner Johns** traveled with **Alana McGrattan** to Dallas for a mini reunion with their Notre Dame theatre friends. **Carolyn Jaskunas Francke** and her husband, Terry ND '66, were unable to attend the reunion. Judith also visited Alana between Christmas and New Year's Day. Judith will be at the reunion. It helps when one lives in South Bend, Ind. Judith also shared that she has completed a 500-hour advanced Pilates instructor training to earn an internationally recognized certification. At present, she teaches "mat" and does personal Pilates on all Pilates equipment at a hospital-affiliated studio. After retirement, Judith hopes to teach in the warm countries in the winter. Good planning.

Anne Sheehan Garbarino lives, works, and exercises in the New York Adirondacks. With her husband, Louis, Anne runs a small business. Visit www.four-seasons-cottages.com to check out their website. Anne proudly brags that she along with three younger friends, participated in the 90-Mile Canoe Classic. During the summer, Anne swims every day. This past summer, she shared her love for the outdoors with her two granddaughters from Dallas. In the winter, she skis, quilts, and reads. In her spare time, Anne works on projects for the Elizabeth Seton Foundation. This program supports a childcare center in the Dominican Republic. With her husband and many friends, Anne has traveled to the Dominican Republic to work in this childcare center for the last 10 years. Visit elizabethsetonfoundation.org to learn about the project.

In other free moments, Anne volunteers at the local library, art center, and Hope House, a center that offers meals to people in Utica, N.Y. Anne plans to defrost from New York's winter with a trip to Santa Barbara, Calif.

Carolyn Hart Irvine celebrated the wedding of her daughter, **Amy Irvine '93**, in October. Unfortunately, it rained that day in Napa Valley in California. Caroline said that it, in no way, dampened the spirits or the good times of the day. **Kay Casellini Wasinger** attended the wedding. The family wedding pictures snapped a beautiful family with Carolyn looking absolutely ravishing. Carolyn's other daughter and son and their families, live in San Mateo, so grandma gets to see the grandchildren often.

The Saint Mary's College Rome Program recently celebrated it 41st anniversary. Our classmate, **Portia Prebys**, set up the program in the '70s. Portia remains as its resident director today, but with a new title. Portia received a knighthood and title of "Cavalier" from the Italian government. In a recent edition

of the *Courier*, Portia spoke about her years in Rome and the development of the program.

Mary Dunn Finneran and E.J. ND '66 met with **Jane McCoach McKee** and Mike in New York for dinner recently. On the following day, the Finnerans set sail on the *Queen Elizabeth*. They sailed the coast of South America before crossing the great Atlantic to South Africa and Capetown. Mary completed many a book as the ship crossed the Atlantic for many, many days. In her teens, Mary traveled to Europe with her family on the *Queen Elizabeth*.

To return to our reunion this summer, Liz and **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** will co-chair the Class of 1966 Reunion Gift. All classmates will receive a phone call or a written request encouraging them to attend the reunion. That is their primary goal. As for a donation in honor of our 45th year since graduation, please know that any amount is deeply appreciated.

You may hear from the following volunteers: **Maurice Rodgers Budetti, Dede Cotter Delaney, Suzy Scanlan Eiben, Mary Kay Duffy Gott, Mary Grieb, Carolyn Hart Irvine, Nan Nader Koob, Carla Johnson Lewis, Anne Sheehan Garbarino, Pam Smith Malone, Carol Smither Mansfield, Elaine Amann Mayeux, Elizabeth Renaldi, Lori Borda Schmuhl, Pat Hilger Zeigler, and Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer.**

In conclusion, we wish to extend our sympathies to the family of **Mary Cremer Kristl**. Mary died March 23, 2010.

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Sadly, I have to report the passing of both of **Susan Strittmatter Sandeen's** parents in the past six months as well as the death of **Pat O'Hara Gable's** mother, **Margaret Kotee O'Hara '42**, in January, 2011. I know the thoughts and prayers of all of us will be with each of them and their families at this time.

More updates from the reunion and classmates who have been in touch since, follow.

Patricia McCusker Allgood lives in Atlanta, Ga., and is a chair with Vistage International. In that capacity, she works with CEOs in increasing their effectiveness and improving their businesses.

Gwen Gill Caranchini plans on starting a new law practice in Kansas City, Mo., that specializes in foreclosure to help people wade their way through all of the red tape of banks and lenders to save family homes.

Mary Lee Carr Charles lives in Alexandria, Va., and is teaching third grade, although **Kathy Carbine Fullin** thinks she may be on the verge of retiring.

Nano Padon Cox is in real estate in Houston, Tex. Nano continues to swim daily even when we were at reunion.

Judith Johnson Crates has been a school administrator for 35 years. Judith is currently serving as the very happy principal of a Dual Immersion school in Mountain View, Calif. She is divorced and very sadly lost her second child in a freak accident a year after he graduated from Stanford. Her daughter is living in Barcelona, Spain, with her husband, three-year-old daughter, and three-month-old son.

Ginger Updike Daily did an outstanding job as chair of our Reunion Campaign Committee. Once again, we came out on top. Thank you, Ginger, for all your hard work.

Jane Bates Doyle lives in Lisle, Ill., and is a development administrator for the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Jane and her husband, John, have two children, Neal and Meghan.

Pat Lyons Gottlieb enjoyed reunion with one of her daughters, **Bridget Elizabeth Gottlieb '05** who was attending her first event. They also had the opportunity to visit "Uncle Ted (Father Theodore Hesburgh)" who Notre Dame appears to keep busier than ever on that weekend. The good news was that he was going fishing to rejuvenate.

Sally Fogarty Hasbrook is a swim coach and water aerobics instructor in Indianapolis. Sally and her husband have three children (Andrew, Katie, and Patrick), all of whom are now married, and six grandchildren.

Susan Orloski Henry has stayed in touch with **Ann Pacelli Gores** since participating in the reunion campaign. They enjoyed a wonderful mini reunion when Sue went to visit her sister, **Nancy Orloski Mc Nerney '74**, and brother-in-law, Matt Mc Nerney (Molly's brother), in New York City, in September. Ann is an accomplished artist and had a show at a New York City gallery that they thoroughly enjoyed. Sue, Matt, and Ann were able to meet Ann's husband, Tom and reminisce about their visit with the Mc Nerneys in Des Moines, Iowa, in the summer of '72. Visit anngores.com/ to check out Ann's work.

Kathleen Ryan Hughes lives in Arlington, Va., and just ended her 33-year teaching career, which spanned six schools and four states. Kathleen and her husband, William, have three children (Ryan, Andrew, and Matthew), all married, and two young grandchildren.

Ronnie Henry Kessenich has lived in Marietta, Ga., for 39 years. Ronnie and her husband, Peter (a Notre Dame graduate), have two children who have followed in their parents footsteps (Peter Jr. ND '97 and **Veronica Kessemich '01**). In April, 2010, Ronnie was installed as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of Piedmont Hospital. She has been very active as a community volunteer since retiring in January, 1999.

Anne Kalvin Klein is also living in Arlington, Va. Now retired, Ann Marie is pursuing her avocation in art as well as serving as a volunteer tutor. Anne Marie and her husband, John, have two children (John and Michael), both doctors.

Kerry Long still lives in Chicago, and is the president of K. Long & Associates LLC, a consulting firm specializing in the pharmaceutical industry. Kerry has been very active in providing scholarships to new Saint Mary's College students.

Diane Daly McGarry writes that she had such a great time at the reunion in June, 2010, reconnecting with many good friends (**Ginger Updike Daily**, **Mary Dunleavy Smith**, and **Linda Holland Trauth**, to name a few), and getting reacquainted with some I had not seen since leaving Saint Mary's as an undergrad in the late '60s. (**Susan Orloski Henry**: please come back.) (This reunion doubled as my 40th and the first Staff Student Reunion). It was so much fun. I have been back every five years and I don't plan on missing my 45th and 50th reunions either. I spent Christmas with my mom, **Martha Abberger Daly '41**, who is living in Southern California and doing well at 91 years old. Let's plan some mini reunions. Anyone interested in coming to New York City or Fripp Island, S.C., for a visit, please call me. I would love to reconnect.

Mary Minella has become a Judge in Cook County, Ill.

Molly Morell and her husband, Michael Beau-doin, have sold their lovely third-floor walk up condo in Portland, Maine, and over the Christmas holiday,

moved to a brand new condo in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. In between buying and selling, they took a trip to Hawaii for Michael's 48th Peace Corp Reunion.

Nancy Delaney Nesbit moved to the Boston area after graduation, evidently met the love of her life, and has been there ever since. Nancy is living and working as a paralegal in Wellesley, Mass. She and her husband have three grown children who all live in the area, and they welcomed their first grandchild, Riley Kathryn, in January, 2010.

Vickie Derda Quinlan is now retired and living in Vandalia, Mich. Vicki and her husband, Stephen, have three children (Jennifer, Caroline, and Christopher) and four grandchildren.

Sandy Brown Rodeghero is a retired chemist. Sandy and her husband, Dale, have two children (Christian and Benjamin).

Denise Scanlon Roder lives in Vernon Hills, Ill., and is busy juggling her roles as a wife, grandmother, and daughter. I know that many of you are going through or have already experienced the challenges of taking care of aged parents. Denise has such a wonderful perspective on it that I know she would be happy to share if you want someone to talk with.

Mary Dunleavy Smith continues to enjoy reunion weekend with her husband, O'Malley Smith ND '70, whose close friends include Chris Servant and Kevin Myles, both of whom I went to grade school and high school with in Attleboro, Mass. I have also found out that Mary has participated in Christmas choirs, performing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky lives in the Richmond, Va., area and works for the Hanover County Public School System. Rosie visited her father in Chicago after Saturday's picnic. Her mom had passed away after 65 years of marriage and they were celebrating his 91st birthday. **Donna Halbert Bachtel** and **Kathy Bernard Franzel** also stopped to visit him on Sunday afternoon on their way to the airport for Kathy's flight back to Seattle. Donna lives in Plainfield, Ill.

Beverly Kenton Temple broke her collarbone taking a short cut in the woods, so her husband, Walt, ended up cooking Thanksgiving dinner.

Ellen Nesbit West lives in Mishawaka, Ind., and serves as a teacher's aide at Twin Branch School in Mishawaka.

As for me, I have just put my lovely ocean-view townhouse in LaSelva Beach, Calif., on the market and am planning on relocating to Charleston, S.C. I have enjoyed 13 wonderful years here and made close friendships that really sustained me during the illnesses and passing of both my parents as well as the ups and downs of my career. Having gone through two downsizings with companies on the Central Coast and not experiencing the success I had hoped for this past year working on new business development for a small Los Angeles based consulting firm, I decided that I really don't want to commute four hours a day

or relocate to accept a position in Silicon Valley. This is an optimum time for me to go back to the East Coast, where the majority of my family resides. My next big decision is whether to try to pursue a career in that area or take early retirement. I will keep you posted.

Regarding the class email list: I have created an email distribution list to share information and special postings with our classmates. Email me at karen.mccarty@comcast.net if you are not already receiving these updates/postings and want to be included. It is also a way for you to receive and download the email addresses of our classmates without having to input them manually.

Until the next column, please stay happy and healthy.

'72

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Greetings. Fortunately, I received a few Christmas letters so I do have some news for this column. When you read this, the nasty winter will be a memory. I hope all of you made it through all right. Of course, I have to rub in the fact that on January 1, 2011, it is over 70 degrees and sunny here in Florida.

CLASSCLIPS



Some lucky members from the class of 1972 pose with the two pilots who did the "fly over" before the Notre Dame/Pittsburgh football game in October. They were staying at our hotel in South Bend. In the picture: Front row - Martha Coyne, Maura Carroll, Chris Newland Ketterhagen, Claire Mignelli Hughes; second row - Frances Spinks Caver, Janet Teichen McHugh (Partially hidden), Missy Underman Noyes, Beezy Pohl Zielony; back row - "flyboys" with Heather Tripucka Carr.

On to the news: **Maureen Walsh Fender** (email: mwfender@aol.com) sent "Happy New Year from the Oregon Fenders." She and her husband, Ed, live in Eugene, Ore. They have four children and three beautiful grandchildren. Ed is still working, but Maureen is busy traveling. She spent a month in France with her daughter, Kelly, her husband, Steve, and their two boys: four-year-old Jordan, and Liam, age one. Back in Oregon, Maureen gets to play with granddaughter, Rory, age two. Rory's mom is Maureen, Ed's younger daughter, who lives nearby. The Fenders are off to Italy in February. They also spend time in their cottage on the Oregon coast.

Several of us finished off our 60th-birthday-year celebration with a mini-reunion at the Notre Dame-

Pittsburgh game. The group included many Notre Dame friends, including Jim Gattas ND '72. It was wonderful to reconnect with Joe ND '71 and **Connie Cistone Creen**. They live in Davenport, Iowa. Joe is an attorney and Connie acts and sings in community theatre. If I remember, Connie had speaking roles in several college theatre productions (I was a woodland tree in Camelot) and my parents came in from Ohio to see me. Connie and Joe have two children. Their daughter and three grandchildren live in Ames. Their son works for Wells Fargo in Huntington Beach, Calif.

The group included **Beezy Pohl Zielony**, whose mega-watt smile still lights up a room. She lives and works in Medford, Ore. I flew to Chicago to spend a night with Tom and **Janet Teichen McHugh**, and we drove to South Bend, Ind., on Friday. I had been Janet's surprise guest for her July birthday. Her wonderful children, Megan and Michael, made the arrangements for us to see *Billy Elliott* and stay at the Palmer House in Chicago.

Also at the game were Mike ND '71 and **Chris Newland Ketterhagen** from Denver. Their Christmas card was priceless with pictures of their four adorable grandchildren and a picture of son, Bill, with his new bride. It has been a busy year for the Ketterhagens with trips throughout Colorado and a memorable trip to Phoenix as well as visiting their children who are in New York, Texas, and Colorado.

Rounding out the group was **Maura Carroll**, Bill and **Heather Tripucka Carr**, Bill and **Claire Mignelli Hughes**, **Kate Berney Werring**, **Martha Coyne**, and **Frances Spinks Caver**.

Please email me any updates on your life. As always, I send all of you love and good wishes.

with 103,000 attending, and the like. I think most places could take a lesson or two from them. My older child, David, will attend Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., starting in January, 2011, leaving William and I as empty-nesters until May, 2011, when the boys return home.

Please write before the next issue.

'76

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Kat Beaulieu visited me in Georgia (the country, not the state), where I have been living since October, 2009, as the Save the Children's country director. The reason Kat visited such an off-the-beaten-path place, is that she and Jim were in Istanbul to meet up with their daughter, Julie, a Santa Clara University junior, who was on a summer-semester at-sea program that stopped in exotic Istanbul, which is only a two-and-a-half-hour flight from Tbilisi. So, we had a whirlwind couple of days of fun, and at reunion, Kat can tell you all about the marvelous ways in which Georgians make toasts to God, Country (theirs and ours), and every other thing you can imagine.

I just recently had an email from **Christine Burton**, who after many years in Hawaii real estate, is planning a move back to the mainland—Chicago or Pittsburgh—to be near her aging parents.

Mary Angyus McLaughlin and I are in touch by email from time to time, and she, Mark, and their four girls and one granddaughter (last time I checked) are all fine in Hammond, Ind.

Speaking of Hammond, I am also in touch with **Karen Zagrocki McDonald**, who is fine, and who will, of course, be at reunion.

Cely Michel is in touch from Minneapolis from time to time, too, and her boys are growing like weeds. I'm guessing they are 12 and eight, but that's just guessing. Her mom, **Adelaide Kelly Mitchel '48**, also a Saint Mary's alumna, passed away last year, so that has been sad for her, of course.

Let's see, who else? I'm in touch with **Eileen Klee Sweeney**, too, but Marianne has already shared "all the news that's fit to print" about Deenie. And, if we cross the road, I can report being in touch with D.C. Nokes ND '76, now that I go back to western Pennsylvania for my home leaves, and have had a chance to see him in Johnstown, Pittsburgh, and environs, though not very recently. He is well, last I checked, and a granddad.

I've already bought my Tbilisi-South Bend-Tbilisi ticket, so I hope to see many of you at reunion.

From Marianne McCabe Brehl: "Reunion is just a short time away. Come spend the weekend—or a day—communing with your classmates on our beautiful campus. You have new stories to tell, and wouldn't we all like to hear some of the old ones, too?"

"Our reunion giving campaign is in full swing. Together, we can reach our goal of \$65,000. Wouldn't it be fun to exceed it by reaching \$76,000? High participation is important to our success. Alumnae giving data lets 'funders' know how much we care

about our alma mater. Corporations, government, and foundations look for this kind of support in evaluating proposals for special initiatives and grants. Please consider a gift—and know that every gift gets us closer toward our goal.

"Eileen Klee Sweeney still lives in the greater-South Bend area. Her three kids live far and wide. Peter just attained his Air Force wings after years of diligent work. Eileen continues to express herself through the arts. I was pleasantly surprised when I purchased the book *500 Art Quilts* and discovered that one of the 500 quilts was an intricately stitched, brightly colored piece by our own Eileen.

"Bernadette Baldy McGee resides outside Houston, where Mike is a pilot for Continental. Bernadette has a couple of kids in college and is completing her 19th year of home schooling with the kids still in the nest.

"Muffy Sweeney Byrne lives in Merion Station, Pa. She is a designer at an architectural firm in Philadelphia. All four of the Byrne offspring are Nittany Lions—two have graduated and two are currently students there. Muffy just hosted Penn State kids who came with her daughter, Deidre, to Philadelphia to run a fundraiser in the city. All 35 spent the weekend at her house, and Muffy said the house looked a bit like Woodstock after the weekend ended. Now that's what I call a hostess.

"Sandy Van Gilder is our reunion giving chair, and everyone reading this can expect to hear from one of your classmates to ask you to participate in this year's gift. Sandy told me the amazing story of her big move. Two years ago, after both of their daughters had graduated college and moved onto careers, Sandy and Dave had the opportunity to take jobs in New York City. After living in the Chicago area for 30 years, they elected to take the plunge and downsize from a house in the 'burbs to New York City's east side, where they now enjoy condo city living (wow).

"Sandy regularly sees **Linda Tempel**. They share Notre Dame football and watched the Sun Bowl on New Year's Eve. Linda is a professional fundraiser and lives in Brooklyn with her husband.

"Doris Kerley Moss has recently moved back to the United States after living in Germany for many years. Doris taught kindergarten while in Germany, where her husband served in the military. Doris has relocated to Carlisle, Pa., to be near her daughter and granddaughter.

"Mary Quinlan is still happily living in Washington, D.C., where she works for the U.S. General Accounting Office.

"Pat Luczai reports that she is very active in AAUW in the Poughkeepsie, New York area. Hers is the largest chapter of the group, where she serves as vice president of the Educational Foundation. Pat lives in Poughkeepsie, and has worked for IBM for many years. Pat is in touch with **Mary Guerra**, who lives and teaches school in the Seattle area.

"The Brehls are well in New City, N.Y. We will attend graduation at Notre Dame in the spring, as our second daughter graduates from the School of Engineering. We are waiting to see what the future holds for our third daughter, a graduating high school senior.

"Teresa LaCava Gaydosz sent us a wonderful photo of her extended family. Teresa is grandma to four babies under one-year old—one from each of her children.

"Don't forget to check in with our new Facebook page. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Marys-College-Class-of-1976-Reunion-11/116008988468100> to become a fan.

"Please remember that small gifts are just as important to our campaign as big gifts. If you can swing \$35—just a dollar for every year since our graduation—that will help us to achieve our goal."

'74

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Dear Classmates, I haven't heard from many of you, so please write. Please note my new email address above. I spent a weekend in New Orleans revisiting my college roommate, **Jan Gabler Cranfield**, during November. She has an incredibly busy life right now with daughter Brooke planning to be married in 2011, older daughter Bree expecting Jan's first grandchild in 2011, and son Gabe busy with his freshman year in college. We thoroughly enjoyed catching up.

Received a lovely card from **Patricia Olvany Hodson**. Tricia and her husband, Bob, are busy with work and kids, Michael and Molly. Molly is a sophomore at Colby College in Maine, and Michael is working at Fox. Tricia had a reunion in New York City in January, 2010, with **Diane McGuinness Sullivan**, **Sue Kidney Clifford**, **Celine McGowan**, **Chris Hollander Motto**, **Pat Snow Hession**, and **Kathy McAuliffe Donnelly**. They went to plays, museums, dinners, had drinks, and a marvelous time. It sounded like a great getaway.

My good friend, **Dolores Lohle**, had an exciting year with the wonderful experience of seeing her only daughter, Michelle, married to a great guy. Dede remains busy at the Chicago Chamber of Commerce.

Several friends share the same experiences as me this year in sending off a child to college. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of sending my youngest son, Willie, to the University of Alabama. What a welcoming place, and how well organized they are with parents' activities, dorm move-in, football games

'80

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Hello Class of 1980. Happy New Year to all and hope everyone is well. I have the forms that everyone filled out at reunion and I will try to get everyone included. I cannot do it all in one column, so here goes.

Mary Beth Dornbach Snyder lives in Apple Valley, Minn. with her husband, Ron ND '80, and their three children. Hannah, her eldest daughter, graduates this year from Saint Mary's, and youngest Grace hopes to attend there also. Her son, Nick, is pursuing his masters in film in California.

Pia Trigiani is an attorney in Alexandria, Va. She is a founding partner in her law firm and is president of the Virginia Bar Association in 2011.

Patty Daly Blacker lives in Haverton, Pa., where she lives with her husband, Paul. They have three children, Shannon, Drew, and Brian. Patty is an academic advisor for Pierce College.

Maryellen Cap Pugliese lives in Middleton, Conn., with her husband, Richard. They have four boys and she is hoping her last one will attend Notre Dame. She is a high school teacher, teaching math.

Margaret O'Keefe Hogan lives in Lake Forest, Ill., with her husband, Robert, and their three children.

Cari Trousdale lives in St. Paul, Minn., with her partner, Kristina Garrett. Cari is an RN at Children's Hospitals and Clinics.

Teresa Braun Byrd is in Orchard Lake, Mich., with her husband, Thomas. They have six children and one grandchild. Teresa is a nurse anesthetist.

Amy Hartzell Rockwell lives in Lake Bluff, Ill., with her husband, Ned. They have three children: Bill,

John, and Rachel. Amy is an attorney with Rockwell Legal Counsel.

Margaret Turk Wallach and her husband, Richard Wallach ND '80, have five children. One of her daughters graduated from Saint Mary's, and a son, from Notre Dame. Margaret is a physician assistant and uses her talents as a volunteer on medical mission trips.

Lucy McVay Monahan lives in New Jersey with her husband, Michael. They have two children, Tierney and Connor. Lucy is a mediator as well as social worker/grief counselor.

Sue Smiggen Condit and her husband, Don ND '80, live in Grand Rapids, Mich. Sue is an RN and works part time in her husband's orthopedics practice.

I, **Barbara Raynor Lucas**, live in Crown Point, Ind., with my husband, Mark ND '77. We have five girls. Two of them graduated from Saint Mary's and two from Notre Dame. My youngest is in art school in Chicago. We are blessed with two grandsons and we have another one on the way.

Please keep the information coming, and there are more forms with so much information we will get to you.

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From Diane: Greetings Class of 1984. As I am writing this, we here in Michigan just had four inches of snow. Many of you Southerners have had much more this winter. Ask **Caroline Adornetto Caudill** about life in Atlanta, Ga. this past winter. She has been enjoying a few snow days with her son, Matthew, this past January. The snow this winter has had them sledding down their street—a sight not usually seen in Atlanta. I enjoyed reading Caroline's post on Facebook.

Anne von Wahlde Fink is involved with Wings in the City in St. Louis. Anne is a gifted decorative painter. Various artists are selected to paint butterflies, which will be displayed throughout the city and auctioned off to benefit the Expressive Therapy Program of Wings—the BJC Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care program. The butterflies will be out this spring in St. Louis. Anne writes: "A butterfly can only stay 'real' in one's heart. Our best hope to hold on to any real beauty is to be present with it and let its light merge with our own. This is the essential nature I was trying to capture in my butterfly. I painted her wing tips with greenery so that life's energy might always be present, using color and pattern to reflect the intricacies we all endure and learn from in life. I added roses because they *speak* so much to the idea of love. I also included little painted magnetic stones to allow interaction and remembrance. My hope is that the visitor might move a stone around 'Azalia' as a way to bear witness to their own very human struggle with loss. And finally, there is the faintest coat of glowing reflective paint. I want-

ed this to symbolize enduring life and the love from the Creator that surrounds us all." Check out Wingsinthecity.org to learn more.

Judy Belger Scara writes: "I am living in southern California with Michael, my husband of 23 years, and my three sons, Austin, 20, a sophomore at Gonzaga University; Patrick, 18, a senior; and Jacob, 16, a sophomore in high school. I keep busy with a community choir and teaching children about their faith at St. Jude's Church in Westlake Village, along with keeping up with my kids. I keep in touch with **Mary Beth Alban Shields**, **Gwen Warwick Anderson**, and **Mary Kimmel Berezo**. Gwen is planning a reunion for us all in Las Vegas in 2011. Hopefully, we will meet up in Vegas. Love the fact we can reconnect with friends we haven't talked to in years on Facebook. I had the pleasure of meeting up with Gwen this past summer when she flew in from Houston, Tex., for a golf outing here in Metro Detroit and it was great to see her.

I enjoy staying in touch with all of you who are my friends on Facebook. I will only write here what you send me in a post or message when I ask for *Courier* submissions. I submit the beginning of July and December, so send me a note.

I attended the Notre Dame-Utah game this past November with **Anne Archibald Deutsch**, **Janice Dwyer Wiggins**, **Angie Sleeper Helmstetter**, **Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier**, and **Karen Wagner Lewis**. A 65-degree weekend in South Bend, Ind., until game time, of course. The rains came, but we sat through the entire game for a Notre Dame victory and ended up on the field afterward. We had a great time staying at the Inn at Saint Mary's, walking around both campuses, dining at the new Eddy Commons across from the stadium, and hanging out at the Linebacker. It was like old times visiting the Grotto at 3 a.m. We tailgated before the game in the Joyce Lot and carried out the tradition of nourishing the coeds as Anne's mother and father did for us. **Alicia Ojascastro Behrnt**'s daughter, Allison, a Notre Dame freshman, stopped by with a friend. What goes around comes around. It was lovely to meet both of them.

This is a short one. I am late with my deadline, which always seems to happen in January. Hope to hear from more of you next time around.

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From Mary Fran: Hello, Classmates. **Kathy Schonhoff Shearon** emailed an update on her fam-

Alumnae Board Seeks Nominations for 2012-2015 Term

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association Board of Directors will select three new directors for a three-year term beginning June 2012 at the September meeting. All alumnae are invited to submit nominations (self-nominations are welcome) by July 29, 2011. Please contact the Alumnae Relations Office at (574) 284-4578, email alumnae@saintmarys.edu, or visit saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends to obtain a candidate profile form. A personal statement also is required. Candidate profile forms must be submitted on a yearly basis.

Criteria for the 2012-2015 Term

Geographic: All geographic areas are eligible.
Class decade: Vacancies may be filled from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s.

Among the selection criteria:

Demonstrated involvement and/or service to the College
Demonstrated leadership skills through professional and/or personal endeavors

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ily. She writes: "Will and I are back in Colorado Springs. We moved back from Ohio in 2007. Will had to get back to the mountains; they were calling him, but now I realize that God was the reason why we had to return. Our seven birth kids range from almost 22 down to seven years old. Our oldest plans to be married in May, and our youngest is in first grade. Of the original seven, we have five boys and two girls. The reason God wanted us to move back is that in the past calendar year, Will and I have taken in four refugee teens from Burma (Myanmar)—three boys and a girl. They had to flee their country, and only one still has a mother living back in Burma. They were slave laborers for the government. It is horrible over there. But their horror has become one of our biggest blessings, because now we can know them and love them. Attachment is an amazing thing. I always knew I could adopt and love a baby, but when someone arrives needing a shave and with his voice already low, it still doesn't matter. We decided to love them, and quickly the emotions matched our decisions. It hasn't been easy blending two cultures and four families, but overall, it is very rewarding, and we have never doubted for a moment that this is what God wants us to do right now." What a beautiful story, Kathy. Thank you for opening your heart and home.

Suzy Avitabile Huschke writes that she and Mark brought their daughter, Elizabeth, to Notre Dame last fall from their home in Eden Prairie, Minn. "Elizabeth received the Hesburgh-Yusko Merit Scholarship that is new this year. The scholarship also has four summer enrichment components. The first was a three-week outward bound course backpacking in Colorado last summer." Their daughter, "Adrienne is a junior in high school and plays soccer and Nordic (cross country) skis. Daniel is in eighth grade and is a good pitcher, soccer player, and golfer. Mark is again coaching his Destination Imagination Team, so our basement is taken over by eighth grade boys several times a week." Suzy says she is teaching algebra, geometry, history, and geography at St. Terese Middle School in Deephaven, Minn. The family enjoyed a Notre Dame game in October. Suzy hopes to attend our reunion in June.

Sadly, **Julia Lackner Ryan's** mother-in-law, Katharine Ryan, passed away in November. Paul ND '86, Julie, and their four children were surrounded by the numerous Ryan family members at the wake in Elmhurst, Ill. Their oldest, Rapher, a senior at Nazareth High School, is on the college hunt and busy with sports. Claire is a freshman at Nazareth, and Kevin and Jack are in St. Issac Jogues Grade School. Julie is very active in their parish and school. Also, at the funeral Mass were **Sheila Beary Quinn**, Connie Martin Brennan ND '86, and **Beth Kallmyer**, all of us Ireland Program alums, along with Julie.

Sheila Beary Quinn and her husband, Shawn, are busy with their three children. Sheila is an attorney in Chicago. Connie Martin Brennan ND '86, who is a psychologist, and Dan ND '86 have four children in high school and grade school. **Beth Kallmeyer** works for the Alzheimer's Association at the home office in Chicago. Even though we are all in Chicago or its suburbs, it's difficult to connect, so it's always great to catch up.

Kelly Portolese Murphy emailed that she, Marty, and her three children are doing well in Western Springs, Ill. They recently visited her sister and family near Park City, Utah, with her parents, from South Bend, Ind., and brother, from Los Angeles. They had a great time tubing and skiing, and enjoyed having the whole family under one roof for Christmas.

Kelly writes that her family "met **Amy Bertucci De Santi** and her family on a Sunday morning in

July at Ann Sather's on Belmont (in Chicago) for their famous cinnamon rolls. Amy was in town with her four sisters, who are all Saint Mary College alums, and one brother and their families. They were all meeting Amy's parents in Chicago for her father's 80th birthday celebration." Sounds like a fun gathering.

Kelly also says that she, Amy, **Anne Karnatz Manno**, and **Jeanne Grammens** visited over Labor Day in South Bend, Ind. "We were overdue for a get-together and decided not to wait until June, 2011. We did not actually make it to see Brian Kelly's debut, but we did watch the game while enjoying the new dining opportunities in the nearby Eddy Street Commons." Thanks for the updates, Kelly.

Our 25th Reunion is coming up in June and it will be awesome. Looking forward to visiting with many of you there. God bless.

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From Mary Kay: The Class of '88 seems to be extraordinarily busy. So busy, in fact, that I have very little news to share. Many of the lovely Christmas cards I displayed on my mantel included family photos. It's so wonderful to look at the children's faces and see how much they resemble their parents. The only written update I received, however, was from **Jamie Smith Taradash**, who writes: "I was fortunate to see **Regina Rudser Hoyt** and **Andrea Thomas Barnes** a few times. Both made at least two trips to Chicago. In June, Andrea and her daughter, Abby joined my two boys, Robert (10) and Peter (five), and me for a day in South Bend walking around the Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame campuses. The kids say the highlight was having dinner at South Dining Hall. And in October, Andrea and I visited Reg at her newly renovated home in Newtonville, Mass. It was great to see Reg's four children: Colin, Aidan, Margaret, and Grace. Additionally, I made two trips to Honolulu to celebrate my grandfather's life upon his passing this summer, and the second to spend Christmas with family. It has been a great year spent with family and good friends." I welcome news any time of the year—I am very good at filing things away for use at a later time (teachers are often very good at this). Please email, write, or call whenever you have information you would like to share with your Saint Mary's sisters.

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From Sue: Chrissy Fleming Giesinger is currently working as the vice president, clinical and medical outsourcing, at Delta Pharma in Deerfield, Ill. In October, Chrissy, **Laura Jacob**, and I had a chance to meet up at the Notre Dame versus Pittsburgh game. Chrissy was excited to introduce Notre Dame football to her four-year-old son, Nick, and we all were excited to be there for an Irish win. Laura is busy juggling her Chicago-based art therapy practice, PATHOS, Inc., with her roles as adjunctive professor of Art Therapy at both Benedictine University and at the Adler School of Psychology.

I was able to get together with a few Saint Mary's friends over the summer and fall when they came through Chicago. **Katie Ortman Hirsch**, her husband, Howard, and her son, Taylor, and I all got together over the summer. Katie juggles her work as a human resources generalist for Micromeritics Instrument Corp. in Atlanta, with the hecticness of Taylor's hockey team. I saw **Colleen Mooney McGee** in October, when she came to Chicago for her work as the community relations manager for Capital Blue Cross in Allentown, Pa. Colleen has her hands full with her three kids at home: Seamus, Catie, and Maeve. I also visited with **Sarah Hughes Smith** at her home in Hamden, Conn. Sarah and her husband, Dan ND '89, have three children: Kerry, Tim, and Madelyn.

I had a chance to reconnect with some of my Saint Mary's friends in October under the saddest of all possible circumstances. Please keep **Kim Mahoney Barrio**, her husband, Jerry, and their daughter, Meaghan, in your prayers as they mourn the tragic loss of their 17-month-old daughter (and now guardian angel), Mary Kate.

Kathy Panos Dunleavy came into Chicago for the funeral and notes that the sad event "just reminded all of us about the power of our connection to one another, and that true friends will always know how to stick together." Kathy, her husband, Lawrence, and son Aidan moved to Minnesota three years ago from Texas, to give Aidan four seasons. Kathy works at Optum Health as a Care Advocate United Behavioral Health in Minnesota and led her company's annual fundraising walk for NAMI (the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill), which was a big success. **Kelly O'Brien** also was in the Chicago area for the funeral. Kelly is the incoming president of

the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Colorado. (She moved to Colorado Springs from Chicago, in 2007.) On October 23, the Club celebrated Founder's Day with about 30 women with Mass and a luncheon at the famed Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. **Kara O'Leary '89**, Saint Mary's director for the Alumnae Office, joined them. If anyone is moving to Colorado or knows friends who are, give the Alumnae Club a call. They have nearly 400 "Saint Mary's Chicks" living all over the state of Colorado, and are really trying to build club participation. Also at the funeral was **Valerie Lukas Pinarski** and her husband, Jim. They welcomed a new son on August 6, 2010. New addition Lukas Joseph joins his siblings, Andrea, Steve, Michael, and Nathan.

Mary Sande also made the trip to Chicago. In 2007, Mary married her friend of 20 years, Carlos Figueroa. True to the strong female influences she found at Saint Mary's, she is keeping her maiden name. In 2010, Mary earned her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction, Science Education from the University of Minnesota. She continues to teach high school chemistry while keeping an eye out for other opportunities in academia or consulting. Mary and Carlos bought their first house in May, 2010. She notes that she has a guest room and is open for visitors. Mary and Carlos are also foster parents to a blind and toothless Shih Tzu dog, Millie.

In other news, **Theresa Hart Dearie** and her husband, Jim ND '90, are the proud (and extremely busy) parents of six children: Jimmy, Ben, Mary Kate, Claire, Sam, and Paul. Theresa and her daughter, Mary Kate, joined a Latin Schola Cantorum. The mission of the singing group is to bring Catholic music back to the people in the pews. They sing many of the pieces in both English and Latin. Theresa notes that the greatest joy is having her daughter singing with her. Theresa and Jim also serve on the board of their oldest sons' high school study group for home-schooled high school students, and are also on the board of their local pregnancy resource center. As if all that weren't enough, they also are heads of the Pro Life Committee at their local parish.

I sent a mass email to the Class of '90 asking for updates. Following, are some that I received.

Katie Woulfe Weil lives in Skokie, Ill., with her husband of 17 years, Mark. Mark and Katie have three children: Samantha, Megan, and Max. Katie works as the senior director of donor relations for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in our Chicago office. She's taken up running, having run in several events, including the Chicago Marathon. She's now working to raise funds for blood cancer research and patient programs.

Linda Dryden Schell has been living in Minnesota almost the entire two decades since graduation. Linda and her husband, Scott, have two children: Marie, 11, and Ben, eight. Linda works for St. Jude Medical, supporting their SAP HR and payroll systems. She's been lucky enough to travel to Asia on and off over the last few years in connection with systems implementation—including to Japan, Hong Kong, and Malaysia.

Julia Lindberg moved back to her hometown of Tucson, Ariz., after graduation. She has taught in both parochial and public schools since then. She earned her PhD in 2005 in Language, Reading, and Culture from the University of Arizona, and is currently the coordinator for English language development programs for the Sunnyside Unified School District in Tucson.

Annette Pechous Barton has been married for over 10 years to her husband, Dave Barton. They have three children: George, nine, Charlie, seven, and Elena, two. Annette and Dave live in Dubuque, Iowa, where Annette works for Cottingham & Butler/SISCO.

Kay Kurtin Egger owns her own company in Houston, Collier Legal Search, a full-service staffing company specializing in the placement of attorneys and legal staff into full-time and temporary positions. Kay married Dan Egger in 2002. They have two girls, Ashley and Elise. Kay is a huge Astros and Texans fan and acknowledges the futility in rooting for each of those teams.

Anita Knebel Ehmsen has returned to the classroom, working in behavior intervention at South East Junior High School in Iowa City, Iowa. She is currently pursuing her principal certification in the State of Iowa. She keeps busy with two teenage daughters and will be returning to Saint Mary's in the spring on a college visit with her eldest daughter. That begs the question of whether any of you now have daughters enrolled at Saint Mary's. Email me if you do, it will be interesting to hear how things have changed for students since we were there.

My former roommate, **Michelle Schmitt Watson**, also got in touch. Michelle worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Chicago until 2002. She then transferred to the Department of Defense (the Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA) at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where her son, Cross, and daughter, Karis, were born. She returned to the mainland in 2007, when she transferred to the Federal Center in Battle Creek, Mich., to be closer to her family.

I also heard from **Jennifer Retoske Keller**. Jennifer's living in Brentwood, Tenn. She said that she and her former Saint Mary's roommates, **Colleen Murray McGuigan** and **Patti Haddad Markho**, try to get together about once a year. Moving and having kids have thrown wrenches into that plan a few times, but they are excited about a girls' weekend in Naples, Fla., this winter.

Barbie Jeffers Reif is living in St. Louis, but will be moving soon with her daughters for a fresh start in Chicago. She is beginning her job search and wants to network with other Chicagoans. She is excited to live closer to Saint Mary's campus, and was back there to see the Irish lose to Tulsa. Being from Tulsa, this was a particularly difficult experience for Barbie.

Donna Ryan Coffey is the proud mom of five girls, ages eight to 17. She also has recently started The Five Diamond Corp., a development company in Michigan. When her youngest went off to school, she felt she needed more to do, so she started building near her lake home. She currently has one renovated home on Diamond Lake in Cassopolis, Mich., and a newly built home.

As for me, I began my 16th year continuing to work for the Tribune Company as director of compensation and benefits. I travel quite a bit and love to spend time with my nieces and nephew.

Please keep in touch and send along any further updates you may have.

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From Patsy: Molly Weiland Schmidt and her family are relocating indefinitely from Houston, Tex., to outside of Geneva, Switzerland, in the summer

of 2011. Molly's husband, Dave, works for Ineos, a chemical company, which is relocating their headquarters. Molly is a stay-at-home mom to Stephanie, 14, Julia, 11, and Nicholas, eight. The Schmidt family loves visitors and would be happy to see some friendly faces if any Saint Mary's College friends are traveling in their new area.

Cindy Swick Finley and her family recently moved to New Albany, Ohio. Cindy and Matt have four children. Their oldest, Kelsey, is a freshman at Ohio State University, Gabi is 16, and a sophomore in high school, Nolan is 5, and Kal, 4. Nolan and Kal are in preschool. Cindy works in treasury management with Fifth Third Bank. The Finley family went to the ND/USC game and had a blast.

Kathryn Greter Rice and her family are enjoying living in the Washington, D.C., area. Her husband, Kevin ND '92, is an attorney with Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Katie has her own career consulting practice, Grow Career Coaching. Their daughter, Emma, is six, and their son, Liam, two.

Kelly Smith Inman left her job as a PDS analyst at StayWell Health Management last July, and now works as a technical writer at Roche Diagnostics in Indianapolis. Kelly writes technical documentation and manages the software testing process for internal applications at Roche. Kelly and her partner, Des, are living in Indianapolis.

Alicia Higgins Kinane's oldest child, Henry, was accepted and was awarded a 50 percent academic scholarship to the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Her daughter will be attending Rosary High School in Aurora next year. Rosary is an all girls' high school and they are all excited. Alicia got a new job teaching art full time in Riverdale, a south suburb of Chicago. It is a 98 percent low-income school. Look up Alicia at <http://www.facebook.com/l/c0c68c0muqzDledA5Ftd1B0ZEMQ;DonorsChoose.Org> to help her students with supplies. Alicia's husband, Tom, also got a new job as a database administrator in Arlington Heights. On a fun note, in July, she had her first art show in seven years, and happily shares that many people bought her paintings and drawings.

Jennifer Kacarab Holloran, Susan Tobin Cernugel, Peggy Schmid Dunham, and Moira Lydon Miller had a girls' weekend in Nashville, Tenn., in celebration of our 40th birthdays. They went to Nashville in Mid-October and spent time relaxing at a spa, shopping, and eating great food. They even hit the honky-tonk bars one night. Jennifer lives in Allen, Tex., a northern suburb of Dallas, with her two children: Meghan, eight, and Madison, five, and her husband of 15 years, Kevin Holloran ND '92.

Kerry Sullivan Radochia recently bought her childhood home just outside Boston with husband Bill and their four children: Olivia, 14; Connor, 13; Patrick, five; and their latest addition, Charlotte, five months old.

Veronica Gonzalez DiMario closed her private dental practice and took a position with Heartland Alliance in Chicago. She is now part of a global company that is a leader in health care for the homeless and those living with HIV. Veronica lives in Chicago with her daughter, Noelia, who is in preschool. She is still best friends with **Laura Michaels Moore**, who just visited Chicago from Fort Wayne, Ind. This year, Laura and her husband, Chris, are hosting two foreign exchange students, one from Germany and one from Thailand.

Congratulations to **Lori Corirrossi Hazen** and her husband, Scott ND '92, who are celebrating their 17th anniversary this year. The Hazen family lives in Naperville, Ill., with their children: Courtney, 13, Emily, 11, and Brennan, seven. Lori and Scott celebrated their 40th birthdays with a wonderful trip to Italy.

They spent time in Rome, Positano, and Capri and can't wait to visit again. Lori still keeps in contact with **Heather Pflanz, Natalie Hultz Aubry, Eileen Isleib Schaffler**, me, and her roommate from first semester freshman year, **Jennie Hundman Wulbrun**.

Please keep in touch and start making those plans to attend our reunion in 2012.

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Lisa Rania Ganser writes: "My husband, R.C., and I are currently living in Miami with our two daughters: Leilani, 13, and Kalei, seven. Last year, I (finally) got my PhD in biology and am currently doing research at the University of Miami. R.C. is a high school administrator and teacher at Gulliver Schools, where our kids attend school."

Rosie Cox Conway and her husband, Chris Conway ND '95, welcomed their fourth child, Michael, in March, 2009. Michael joins big sisters Riley, six, Caitlin, five, and Erin, three. Chris is currently working at the Chicago Board of Trade, and Rosie is a stay-at-home mom. Rosie was teaching high school English at Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Ill., until 2004, when their first daughter was born.

Kathleen Farrell Perreault and her husband, T.J., welcomed Liam Thomas Perreault on February 15, 2009. He joins brothers Jack, five, and Kevin, three. Besides running around after three monkeys, Kathleen is still working in sales at Kraft Foods in Chicago.

Becca Sullivan Hary lives in St. Charles, Ill., and has three boys: Logan, seven, Brendan, three, and Dylan, two. She works in the Global Media Relations department for McDonald's in Oak Brook, Ill. In September, 2010, she was a bridesmaid in **Jackie Demko's** wedding in St. Louis, Mo.

Jackie Demko writes: "I married Christopher Leo Straatmann (works in agricultural construction sales) on September 29, 2011. Father Biondi presided over the ceremony and then we had a dinner at Trotteria Branica. We have opened each other's worlds. I am thankful he shares my passion for travel and we are both open to growing our family in the future (dogs or kids). We plan on heading to Turks and Caicos in April to do a group wedding-moon with close friends." Jackie has been running her own orthodontic practice for the last 11 years, which currently has three locations. Other exciting news: "I started a foundation called CODE:SMILE to help 'tweens and teens with self esteem issues," she says.

Daniela Lalor Lohse married Sven Lohse on September 19, 2009. The wedding and reception were in Daniela's hometown of Little Meadows, Penn. The reception was at her parent's beautiful home on a hill overlooking the gorgeous fall foliage. Many Saint Mary's alums were in attendance, including: **Anne Doyle Miller '93, Kim Anderson DiFranco, Meri Kamradt Krevosky, Megan Morrison, Julie Geisler Burns, Tamara Lukes Fehrman, Kristi Monaghan Byrd, Erin Wachter Holzgen**, and myself, as well as **Mary Lalor Lalli '66**, the bride's aunt.

Kristi Monaghan Byrd writes: "I live on the northwest side of Chicago with my husband, Mike, and our two kids, Michael, five, and Madelyn, four. I have taken a break from teaching to stay home with my kids, and am enjoying playing an active

role at their schools. I am very fortunate to live close to some of my very good friends from Saint Mary's: **Tamara Lukes Fehrman, Jane Murphy Fitzgerald, and Megan Morrison**.

Megan Morrison writes that she is still teaching first grade in Park Ridge, Ill. Megan is enjoying life in Chicago and seeing many Blackhawk, Cubs, and Sox games. Megan also recently had dinner with **Katie Baal**, who is completing her doctorate, having recently traveled to Africa to work in schools there.

Updates for Alumnae Deaths: Maureen Fahey, mother of **Jen Fahey Seaver**, November 22, 2010.

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From Julie: Well, here it is, our last update before our 15th Reunion. It's hard to imagine that so much time has passed since we took our last trip down The Avenue as students. Like all of you, I am greatly looking forward to our reunion this summer (though 15 years went by way too quickly) and seeing everyone again. As for now, let me fill you in on a few classmates to get us in the mood for reconnecting with friends.

Vicki Palk Cassidy was promoted to manager of media relations for the Lone Star College Community College System, last October. **Clare Heekin Lynch** is enjoying the craziness that comes with raising two boys, Gavin (four) and Conall Adam, who turned one on March 15. Clare also recently joined BNY Mellon as a proposal representative last September. **Kelly Kowalski** is enjoying being a mother to little Sophie, and continues to work for Accenture.

Amy Hiniker Robert recently started a new chapter in her life and became a stay-at-home mom to her three-year-old twins, Carolyn and Dylan, as she takes a break from the finance profession. She and husband Justin Robert ND '96 also gave up the city life in Chicago and now reside in Downers Grove, a suburb of Chicago.

Speaking of new beginnings, **Simone Barber Vecchio** has left Verizon after 15 years and is heading back to school. She is pursuing a Master's of International Development Degree in Developmental Planning and Environmental Sustainability as well as African Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Another former roommate of mine, **Stacia Stornetta Morabito**, is also pursuing a master's degree. She is studying interactive design and digital media at Northeastern University while continuing to work full time as the webmaster for the Archdiocese of Boston. She and husband Scott recently bought a new home in Concord, Mass. I was lucky enough to have some rare free time while working on my doctorate to catch up with these lovely ladies not too long ago. I visited Stacia and Scott in Concord, last October, where we had a great time exploring the history of the area, nearby hiking trails, attending the ND/BC football game, and making dinner straight from their backyard garden. For Labor Day, I made it to Pittsburgh to visit Simone and **Madeline Wahl '97**, which is always a fun visit, and we were able to meet again in South Bend, Ind., for the

Notre Dame/Pittsburgh football game. We had a great time and also ran into **Lisa Ostrowski Michaels, Megan Reilly**, and **Tricia Hamilton**. Simone, Maddie, and I also caught up again for a girls' weekend in New York City. Aside from the required shopping and sightseeing, we also met **Meghan Maloney O'Sullivan** and **Lisa Siefert** for dinner and a few drinks. And finally, Simone came to visit me here in Ohio for New Year's. It's always so wonderful to get together with friends and all of the above women were as wonderful and as fun as ever.

Danielle Burton Lish still lives in Alpharetta, Ga. (north of Atlanta), with her husband, Matt, and their two girls. Danielle stays home with her girls as well, and Katie turned five last November and Caroline was two in February. Aside from being very busy with the girls, Danielle is also very involved with the Mom's Group at her church and teaches Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to the three-to-five-year olds on Sundays.

Shane Kaniecki Palumbo has exciting news as she and husband Robert have a new addition to the family. Martha Jane was born in early December and joins big sister Louisa Maria, who is adjusting to her new sister very well. Shane continues to work from home and take care of her girls, which couldn't make her happier.

And don't forget, **JudeAnne Wilson** and I are co-chairing our class's Reunion Gift Campaign. We encourage all of you to remember the wonderful times you experienced 15 years ago and participate in the campaign. In honor of our 15th Reunion, it will be our way of saying thanks and giving back to those who will one day have a 15-year reunion as well. Lastly, in addition to our class Facebook page, visit @SMCALumnae96 to find our class on Twitter to follow us for updates and new about Saint Mary's and our classmates. Hope to see you at reunion.

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Ann Hermes Tudor and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a third child this year. Owen Michael Tudor was born on September 19, 2010, joining big sisters Grace (five) and Nora (three). Jeff just started a new job with Big Shoulders Productions in the Hancock Building in Chicago. Ann is director of social services for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Missy Lind graduated in December, 2010 with a master's certificate in dispute resolution from Marquette University. Missy is reliving my comp days as she prepares to begin her master's thesis and she plans to finish in August (or December) of 2011.

Anne Marie Joseph got engaged to John Irey on June 25, 2010.

In January, 2011, **Lisa Gutilla** plans to head to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on a project for the Cleveland Clinic. The clinic is building a hospital in Abu Dhabi, appropriately named Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi (CCAD). Lisa will be leading their scheduling and registration implementation for the clinic and hospital. To keep in touch with Lisa while she's in Abu Dhabi, you can GTalk! Her username is limgtilla.

Rachael Sederberg Ferrell and her husband, Dustin ND '00, welcomed Henry Paul Ferrell to the world on September 3, 2010. Big siblings, Emma and Colin, love their new little brother. Rachel is enjoying being home with my three little ones.

Arwen Dickey Moore had a son on June 2, 2010, named Jackson Ryan Moore. Her husband, Matt, and Arwen are loving parents. She is still living in Overland Park, Kan., and working for Associated Wholesale Grocers.

On June 5, 2010, **Ann Ehlers Beyer** married David Beyer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Ann's sister, **Margaret Ehlers '97**, and her good friend, Pam Stansberry, were co-maids of honor. Three other good friends did the honor of standing up at the wedding, including Ann's first-year roommate, **Tracie Lynne Spiers**. In fact, Tracie's whole family took part in the celebration. Her beautiful twin daughters, Anna and Abby (Saint Mary's 2027?), were flower girls. Her son, Patrick, passed out programs, and her husband, Sean Kenney ND '95, played the trumpet. David and Ann are enjoying married life now. They live in Indianapolis, where David works for the federal government, and Ann continues to teach seventh-grade math in Carmel.

Mia Rinehold Datena moved to Wilmington, N.C., in June, 2010. Her husband, Tony, is working for a commercial contractor, Shiel Sexton. Mia is still doing www.miadesigns.com. They are have two kids: Ava and Christien.

Bridget Thomas Muckle and husband Tim Muckle ND '99 are still living in Chelsea, Mich. Their twin boys, John and Gabe, are in kindergarten. Bridget is working full time as a nurse practitioner. Tim just finished up his Ph.D. this year from University of Illinois Chicago. They love their town, but do get a lot of grief when they hang their Irish flag on the front porch, as they are in the middle of Spartan and Wolverine territory. When they moved to Chelsea, Bridget was very surprised to run into Jennifer Aloisio in my neighborhood. She left Saint Mary's after freshman year to transfer to Michigan State, but we remembered each other. It turns out she lives literally down the street. She is married and has three children and works in public health. The town is small and they get to see each other quite a bit. Bridget also reconnected with **Bridget Murphy Tennes**, who lives in nearby Charlotte, Mich. She and her husband, Steve, run the Country Mill Apple Farm and have three children.

Catherine Bohan Opel and husband Jonathon welcomed a third baby, Caitlin Rosemary Deborah, on September 12, 2010 at 3:38 a.m. "She must have been in a rush because she was born eight minutes

after we got to the hospital. Big brothers Nathon and Maxwell, are thrilled with their new baby sister."

Hollis Janowak Mertens received her Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree from Marquette University in May, 2010, her fourth degree (BS Biology, BSN, MSN, DNP). In November, 2010, Hollis started a new position as a nurse practitioner with Wake Med Faculty Physicians Neonatology in Raleigh, N.C. After living in Wisconsin for nine years, Hollis and husband Jim ND '98 are settling into life in the south. "Our children, Augie (seven) and Lucia (three), claim they miss all the snow up north, but are ecstatic about having a neighborhood pool."

Michele Jarosick Smith has been enjoying spending time with her younger son, Jason, while big brother, Jake, is at school all day. "It's fun, but strange having only one child around during the day," she says. She still is working as a chemist at Lancaster Labs, where she's been since graduation. Michele ran her first 5K race in the fall and really enjoyed it. She will be looking forward to many more races in 2011, and possibly running longer distances.

Genevieve Morrill and Nathan became the proud owners of a 120-year-old, two-flat in the West Bucktown neighborhood in Chicago, this year. They are embracing all things home "reno" and landlord, and have generally been pleased with the results. They took a break from DIY to travel to Turkey and Romania in the fall, where they explored Istanbul, hiked the Transylvania Alps, and took a ferry across the Dardanelles.

Life has been busy and wonderful for **Ivonne Grantham Smith**. She and husband Baron are on the go all the time, as anyone is with young kids is. Baron and Ivonne celebrated their 10th Anniversary in April, 2010.

Lori Allen Remington and husband Alexander ND '97 welcomed second son Henry Charles Remington on December 7, 2010. Henry weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 20 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed with love by Lori and Alex and very proud big brother, William.

From the Courier: Shannon Johnston writes: "I just completed my Doctorate of Management (DM) in Organizational Leadership, focusing on the employee's reaction to encounters with bullying, abusive, aggressive, and harassing managers."

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From Nicole: Hello Class of 2000. I have so much to report and have not forgotten, so please look for all the news in the next issue. As always, if you have other news or friends that have other news,

please contact me by May 31, 2011, so that I can add it to our *large* update next issue. Thank you so much and Happy 2011.

From the Courier: Katie Cousino writes that she married Matt Lauck in Le Mans Chapel on Saint Mary's College campus, on June 13, 2009.

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From Katie: Hi, everyone. I hope that 2011 is treating you all well. Here are some updates for the Class of 2004. **Annie Basinski** married Chad Dubsy on August 7, 2010, at St. John Capistran Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair, Penn. Matron of honor was **Michelle Biersmith Hennings**. Her husband, Dan ND MBA '04, also attended. Maid of honor was **Vanessa Bejec '05**. **Kelly Wenck Waechter** was a bridesmaid who attended with husband James ND '04. Monica Hritz ND '04 was also a bridesmaid. **Julie Scheib Martin '01** attended with her husband, along with her sister, Retsey Scheib Gartner ND '03, and her husband, Joe ND '03. The reception was at St. Clair Country Club, and Annie and Chad had absolutely beautiful weather for their big day. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Bermuda and are now living in a suburb outside Minneapolis. Annie continues to work in food public relations at an agency called Exponent, where her primary client is General Mills. Keep sending me your updates and hope that everyone has a wonderful spring and summer.

From Kymerly: Happy 2011 Class of 2004. By the time this Class News is published, we'll be well on our way into the new year. I know our updates have been few and far between, however, here is to catching up on our exciting news. I extend heartfelt congratulations as I see a trend of marriages and babies among our class. I brought snow and chilly temps to Atlanta, where I visited **Elizabeth Diehl Newcamp** and her husband, Captain Jeffrey Newcamp ND '04, over the holidays. We look forward to seeing them again in March for my bridal shower. I reside in Birmingham, Mich., where I work as a consultant at an accounting firm.

In May, 2010, **Cecilia Oleck Street** and her husband welcomed their first child, Lucia Andrea (perhaps a member of the Class of 2032 Belles?). She left her job as a writer for a communications company in Grand Rapids, Mich., to stay home with Lucia, which she says has been a great joy. She is also striking out on her own as a freelance writer. They took a trip to Saint Mary's before the start of the 2010-11 school year and Lucia was able to meet Saint Mary's Professor Peter Checca, who promised to teach her Italian when she comes to Saint Mary's.

Cecilia also visited **Francesca Albright Morgan** and **Daniela Urs** in the Phoenix/Tempe area in February, 2010. Francesca has since welcomed her third child, Gia Clare (November 2010).

Annie Cashore Borjas and **Jillian Bernas** recently returned to the United States after working

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Friends from the Class of 2002 gathered in Charleston, SC for a long weekend of fun in August, 2010. Pictured (front row left to right): Tiffany Mayerhofer McGettigan, April Schmitz Clemency, Kathleen Nickson D'Avria (back row left to right): Sarah Chaudoir Alden, Erin McGarry, Julia Fletcher Lee.

abroad for the past several years—Annie, in Honduras, and Jillian, in Chile. After serving as principal of Santa Clara School in Olancho, Honduras, Annie is teaching fourth-to-eighth-grade Spanish at Stanley Clark School in South Bend, Ind. Jillian is studying for a master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Chicago.

It's a girl for **Maggie Garigliano Busam**, who recently welcomed her second child, Ella Rowan, in September, 2010. Ella joins big brother Josh, two. Maggie is living in Cincinnati, where her husband, Luke ND '04, is an attorney.

It's also a girl for **Jennifer Trachy Hakes**, who welcomed a daughter, Cecilia Claire, in December, 2009. Cecilia joins big brother Xavier. Jenny lives in the Twin Cities, and is a team leader for Target.

So with all these babies, it looks like we have quite a crop of potential future Belles here.

Sarah Miller Coppinger lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Brian ND '04, and their two children, Lauren and Jacob, who are growing fast and keeping Sarah busy.

Meg Hood is living in Austin, Tex., where she moved after graduating law school in 2007. She is employed by a small firm as a paralegal, concentrating on wind energy and real estate transactions. She will begin preparing for her real estate license examination in the next few months and plans to take the exam in early summer, 2011. When not in Austin, she can be found in Chicago and Denver visiting family and friends.

From the Courier: Nicole Clery writes: "Hi All. Just a quick note to update you on my next step: grad school. After working as a personal banker in Jacksonville, Fla., for the past two years, I am pulling up stakes and moving to Washington, D.C., to pursue a master's in Library and Info Science at Catholic University. I'll also be training for a decent position at the Library of Congress. Keeping fingers crossed that they offer me a job when all is said and done."

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From Mary: It's been another eventful year for the Class of 2006. I'm looking forward to catching up in June for our first Saint Mary's Reunion Weekend.

Rachael Berg Walters and her husband, Josiah, celebrated their sixth anniversary in July with family and friends. Their son, Aiden Scholl, turned one in April, 2010, and has a true zest for life, trains, monkeys, and Ironman. **Megan Conway** made a massive road trip through the United States and was able to visit Bismarck for some long-overdue catching up. Rachael starts her MBA at University of Saint Mary's in Bismarck, N.D., in January, 2011.

Elizabeth Voss married Chad Curtis on August 14, 2010, in Arlington Heights, Ill. **Megan Martin, Kate Huffman,** and **Erin Jones** were in the wedding party. Also attending the festivities were **Mary Nelson, Lane Cooper, Rona Delavega, Kirsten Fantom, Kate Keating Larkin, Katherine Rowley, Cindy**

Wahlman, Heather Mosny, Kelly O'Connor, and **Ellen Riley.** The couple resides in Manhattan, where Elizabeth is in her second year as librarian for Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Renee DiNovo married Mark Bagdon on July 31, 2010, at St. Josaphat Church in Chicago. Renee teaches fifth grade in the parish. **Kristen DiNovo Maxwell '97** was a matron of honor. **Jennifer Wolff, Michelle Grossnickle, Nora Casey '08,** and **Mary Fearon '08** were bridesmaids. Also in attendance was **Emily Bishea**, who did a reading at the ceremony, **Laney Lee '05, Maureen Zimmer, Norreen Walton,** and **Bridget Purcell.**

Christina Solomon writes that **Jessica Marshall** married Tom Boyle ND '05 on July 31, 2010, in Cleveland, Ohio. Bridesmaids included **Kate Bowler** and **Shannon Hopkins. Rachel Tignanelli, Christina Solomon, Maggie Schrock, Abbie PeGan,** and **Katie Frischkorn** also attended.

Rachel Tignanelli married Derek Smith ND '05 on July 10, 2010. Bridesmaids included **Christina Solomon, Jessica Marshall, Kate Bowler,** and **Shannon Hopkins. Abbie PeGan, Katie Frischkorn,** and **Shannon Morfin** also attended.

Lauren Siegel Mitchell married Jason Mitchell on October 2, 2010. They reside in Chicago.

Shannon Culbertson Thompson and her husband, Justin, recently graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati with master's degrees in Business Administration. They live in the Cincinnati area and work at GE and Macy's, respectively. They will celebrate their third wedding anniversary this June.

Emily Fannon hosted **Corrie Brisson, Meghan Cassidy, Mary Nelson,** and **Sarah Staley** for a mini-reunion in Snowmass Village, Colo., in November of 2010. It was a great, long weekend full of laughter.

On October 23, 2010, **Molly Acker** married Anthony Galbo at Quigley Seminary in Chicago. In her bridal party were former Belles, **Annie Palmitier Acker** and **Anne Marie Arpaia '04.** The wedding was followed by a reception at the Palmer House Hotel. In attendance were many alumnae, including her aunts **Ann Acker '70, Carol Collins Hogan '72,** and **Mary Acker Klingenberger '79,** as well as friends **Molly Mahoney Opal '04, Meghan Molyneaux Hargrave '05, Nicole Bellino, Janet Brace, Casey Campe, Katie Carlevato, Cammie Johnston Horan,** and **Erin Hogan '08.** A great time was had by all. Molly and Anthony now reside in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., so, if you find yourself in Capital Region, come and visit.

Here's to a happy, healthy 2011.

From Jillian Waters: "I continue to work as a CPA for PWC in Chicago. I married Jacob Pearce on July 31, 2010, at St. Clement Church in Lincoln Park. **Jessica Eaton, Julie Boris,** and **Sarah Nowak** were bridesmaids. Julie continues to work as an accountant at Deloitte in Chicago while Jess and Sarah both teach third grade in Chicago. Sarah earned her National Board Certification last fall while Jess earned a master's degree in education from National Louis University this past year."

Brynn Iversen Vollmer writes: "My husband, Damian, and I welcomed our little boy, Bryce Hall Vollmer, into the world on December 16, 2010. I hope you are well and had a nice holiday."

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From Cate: Hi, Class of 2008. Remember to send us updates. We're excited to know what you are up to. **Amanda Goetz** and Jeffrey Krupa were married on October 2, 2010, in Chicago, at St. Hyacinth Basilica. Bridesmaids included **Christine Haurert** and **Colleen Ferreira. Samantha Peterson, Alexandra Hathaway,** Dan Dalton (ND), and Tommy Haurert (ND), **Anney Brandt,** and **Giuliangela Rosato** were in attendance (each traveling from a different state to be there). Amanda and Jeff live in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

From Natalie: **Sierra Campoli** and Wes Liggett were married on July 17, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church of Mishawaka, Ind. In attendance were **Samantha Peterson** and **Tessie Howland Pollock '02.** Sierra and Wes live in Mishawaka.

From the Courier: Bridget Nathanson writes: "I married Eric Lindfelt ND '06 on July 23, 2010, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The bridal party included fellow alumnae **Lauren Goodwin, Lindsay Niemiec,** and Erin O'Brien ND MSA '09 as well as best man, Greg Cochara ND '06 and Michael Gibbons ND '06."

From the Courier: Megan Welsch Cummings married Timothy Cummings (ND '09) on December 4, 2010 at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. In attendance were **Kate Habicht, Nikki Modarelli, Beth McKevitt Knollman** and husband Philip (ND '08), **Erin Hogan, Caitlin McGee, Molly Lamping '09,** and **Allie Greene '10.** Michelle Michalak married Brian Vicari, ND '08 on December 18, 2010 in Hinsdale, IL. In the bridal party were Tricia Michalak '05, Ashley Ogden Shonkwiler '08 and Jack Shonkwiler ND '08. Also in attendance was Maggie Jespersen, Sarah Crabtree, Chrissy Seus, Megan Boyle, and Ona Madonia.

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Hello class of 2010. I'm **Penelope Taylor Mattice**, your new class reporter. Since getting married on April 3, 2010, to the love of my life, Brian Mattice, I acquired a job as a preschool teacher and volunteer as a music and computer teacher at a private school in South Bend, Ind. Although it allows for a very long week, I truly enjoy working with all my students. Brian and I bought our first house in South Bend's River Park area, where I have joined the neighborhood association. I know much has happened since graduation and look forward to hearing all your updates.

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